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# Danes Get Time On Pact, but No \*Renegotiation

OSLO - Trying to keep momentum of unity from shipping away despite Denmark's popular rejecting their ambitious treaty on European union, foreign minsters of the other 11 European Community countries decided at an emergency session Thursday to would have to agree it was a differ-proceed with ratification anyway and hope the Danes work some-

As it stands, the treaty, laying the foundations for a common European currency as early as 1997 and urging a common foreign and o have to say 1 is:
betty Ford Cons. security policy wherever possible, provides that it can only go into effect if all 12 countries ratify it. The foreign ministers' decision

to put a brave face on what most of them privately concede could keep Europe from ever evolving into more than a huge trade group was intended to buy the Danish govern-ment time to persuade Danish voters that they had made a mistake. But there are also indications that the longer it takes to ratify the treaty, the greater the opposition to it could be in other countries where people share the fear of being swallowed up, culturally, politically, and economically, in a federal state dominated by Europe's largest

The foreign ministers decided namimously not to reopen the text of the treaty for new negotiations, though some officials said that small changes could not be ruled out eventually.

The ministers also agreed that the way would remain open for Denmark to participate in the European union the treaty would establish, according to a statement they issued late Wednesday after-

Later, the Danish prime minister, Poul Schluter, said in Copenhagen that he would not rule out anew referendum, though he added that it would have to be "on a different basis" than the one in which the voters expressed them-

selves on Tuesday, 50.7 percent against and 49.3 percent for ratifi-

["I wouldn't rule out a new referendum, but it would have to be on a different basis," Mr. Schimer said in an interview with Danish television. "Parliament and the people [He said that Denmark might be able to place a proposal regarding

EC 11 circle wagons after Danish referendum rebuil. Page 2. Was European unity just a brief Cold War illusion? Page 2.

its future relationship with the Community before an EC government conference in the autumn. "It might be in half a year, it might be

When Mr. Schluter and the other 11 European leaders signed the treaty in Masstricht, Netherlands, in December, they assumed that all countries would have ratified it by Jan. 1. 1993.

But on Thursday, the foreign ministers decided that the Danes could have more time — perhaps well into next year — in work out their next steps. "It's a serious matter," said the

British foreign secretary, Douglas Hurd. "It has to be tackled. But it doesn't need to be tackled in any pell-meli way."

The Danish foreign Minister,
Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, said he had

told his colleagues it would probably take several months to figure out what to do. "We must recognize that the referendum has exposed problems not only in Denmark but in other coun-

tries, including Germany," said the German foreign minister, Klaus Kinkel. We have to do more to educate our people."

Opposition to the treaty has grown in Germany with the realization that a single currency would See EC, Page 6



VIGILANCE IN TIANANMEN SQUARE - Policemen in Beijing questioning two Americans who were throwing a Frisbee in Tiananmen Square on Thursday, the third amiversary of the massacre nearby of hundreds of pro-democracy demonstrators. The police arrested two founders of a banned Beijing labor union to prevent them from commemorating the Communist crackdown.

# Rich-to-Poor Ecology Fund Is Proposed

New York Times Service
RIO DE JANEIRO — The World Bank has
proposed that the United States and other donor countries contribute \$5 billion to a new fund it wants to set up to provide virtually free grants to help the world's poorest countries protect their ecological systems, officials disclosed here Thursday.

The plant is being pushed by the World Bank president, Lewis T. Preston, who wrote the countries last week explaining his plan to add an "Earth increment" to the bank's soft-loan arm known as the International Development Agency, when its funds are replenished next

Thursday, Mr. Preston publicly an-

attending the Earth Summit, but he did not disclose how much money he hoped to raise. Officials said the United States, which contributes 22 percent of the International Devel-

Three European nations are considering a tougher declaration on carbon dioxide. Page 2.

opment Agency's funds, would consider the

plan. Other donors appear supportive.

The World Bank's proposal constitutes one of several plans under debate at the Earth Summit for raising the \$70 billion in new aid that dd developing countries need annually to pay for an ambitious plan, known as Agenda 21, to clean up the world environment.

Without a substantial increase to aid, the

Officials said the new \$5 billion fund the World Bank favors would be earmarked for

billion in new regular contributions the World Bank is asking from the International Develop-

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Organizers hope to approve the plan at the summit meeting, which began Wednesday and

developing world has said it cannot afford to continue its economic development in ways that safeguard the environment.

projects designed to protect the environment in countries with average annual per-capita incomes of less than \$740. The fund would be io addition to the \$18

# **NATO Offers** Its Help in **Trouble Spots**

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

OSLO - The NATO alliance, searching for a new role after the end of the Cold War, agreed in principle Thursday in support peacekeeping operations in vio-lence-ridden areas of Eastern Europe or the former Soviet Union if asked by the 52-nation Conference on Security and Cooperation in Eu-

Alliance officials made it clear that the agreement did not mean that they had decided to intervene either in the Balkans or in the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azer-baijan, both of which are in a state

A United Nations peacekeeping force is already operating in parts of Croatia and Slovenia.

North Atlantic Treaty Organization ministers said they were determined that United Nations sanctions against Serbia and Montenegro should work. Some said they hoped that the implied threat that NATO might become involved would help end the viclence in the Balkans.

The American representative, Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger, told the allies that the United States would not exclude providing ground troops

for peacekeeping operations.

Asked later whether he was also leaving open the possibility of a sea or air blockade of Serbia and Montenegro in support of the UN sanc-tions, Mr. Eagleburger answered, That's a bridge I don't want to

cross at this stage." He said he knew of no plans for the United States to urge the secu-rity conference to ask NATO for peacekeeping forces when leaders of the group meet in Helsinki on

NATO's secretary-geogral, Manfred Wörner, said that such a request could only be made through a consensus of all the group's members, and that a

ably would also have to be agreed in at the time by all 16 members of the alliance.

NATO has a rapid reaction force in the planning stages, but it will not be ready until 1995.

"The alliance has the capacity to contribute IR effective actions by the CSCE in line with its new and increased responsibilioes for crisis management and the peaceful set-tlement of disputes," the NATO ministers said in a communiqué.

"In this regard," they said, "we are prepared to support, on a caseby-case basis in accordance with our own procedures, peacekeeping activioes under the responsibility of the CSCE, including by making available alliance resources and ex-

NATO representatives at the headquarters in Brussels will study practical options and arrangements for such missions, officials said.

France had been resisting the suggestion that the NATO alliance, rather than individual countries on their own authority, should take on a peacekeeping role. The careful language of the communique reflected a compromise that all the ministers, including Mr. Eagle-burger, said they found satisfac-

The foreign ministers, meeting under the shadow of the crisis brought on by Denmark's referendum rejecting a treaty on European blaming most of the violence in Yugoslavia on the authorities of Serbia and Montenegro and the army loyal to them.

Condemning the Serbian and Croatian paramilitary violence against Muslims in Sarajevo and ewhere in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the NATO ministers called for safe access under international supervision to airports in that country and

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# Voters, of All People, Seize Control of U.S. Politics

By Thomas B. Edsall and Dan Balz

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON - The emergence of Ross Perot as the leader in some public opinion polls has thrown a huge monkey wrench into the engine driving the nation's political system, wreaking havoc on conven-tional wisdom, predictions, and months if not years of planning and analysis.

Not only has Mr. Perot mounted the strongest independent presidential bid since Theodore Roosevelt bolted the Republican Party to run on the Bull Moose ticket in 1912, but also the two major parties are weaker and their nominees held in lower

esteem than at any time in several decades. Past geographic and demographic as-sumptions about the electorate could also prove irrelevant this year, because the overriding characteristic of the election so far is

its unpredictability. Vm Weber, Republican of Minnesota, a

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retiring representative, said, "We are at a time when the voters are signaling their desire for forceful and dramatic leadership, and the two parties appear to be more illdefined in the minds of voters and stand for less than at any time in recent history—less ruling on abortion expected in the next meaning nothing."

Edward J. Rollins, who signed up Wednesday as Mr. Perot's campaign manager, said, "The neatness of this campaign is that it's wide open."

If the primary season is any predictor, the voters - frustrated, angry and independentminded - have seized control of this election, and the candidates are rushing to find ways to appeal to there as personally as

At this point, virtually every assumption of planning a presidential race is up in the

Among the unknowns are the state of the economy later this year, the Supreme Court

national candidate, and Mr. Perot's and Mr. Clinton's vice presidential choices. The effect of recent events on the cam-

paign appears out of whack with normal expectations. The most dramatic example," Mr. Lewis said, "is that one year after the victory parades, Anita Hill moves more voters than

Operation Desert Storm." That is another sign that traditional party

allegiances mean less than they did in past

"Are the parties in decline? Obviously they are," said Robert Beckel, manager of the failed 1984 campaign of Walter F. Mon-

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meeting took place.

## World Censure Haunts Serbs

By Blaine Harden

Washington Part Service
BELGRADE — Psychiatrists at the Belgrade Mental Health Clinic began their morning staff meeting by kicking around the latest symptom of

national paranoia. One doctor said he had heard a rumor that an American spy plane had been shot down over Yugoslavia and that the United States was preparing to bomb Belgrade. Some of his colleagues said they had heard the same thing but did not believe it. Another doctor chimed in, "Who knows what is

"After that came a long depressive silence," said Vida Rakie, a child psychiatrist in whose office the

By decree of the UN Security Council, Yugoslavia — made up now of only Serbia and Montene-gro — has become one of the loneliest nations on

Belgrade says a UN report on its role in Bostoia proves that sauctious should be lifted. Page 2.

earth, and the adjustment to being an outcast is not

going well.

Mental health professionals here had lots of company as a whole society was beset by feelings of persecution and alienation. The foreign minister

of Serbia said he had "reliable information" that preparations were being made for the "violent

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#### Bonn Says Stasi Used Hired Killers

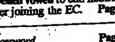
BONN (NYT) - German anthorities have arrested 12 people, including three former East German state security officers suspected of masterminding a ring of West German criminals believed to have unardered hundreds of the Communist regime's opponents in West

Germany since the early 1970s.

Alexander von Stahl, Germany's federal prosecutor, said the arrests that began Wednesday and continued Thursday were part of a nationwide sweep made possible by new evidence showing that Past Germany's state security police, known as Stasi, maintained a network of hired West German criminals.

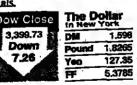
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Sweden vowed to end neutrality after joining the EC. Page 7.









## More MONDAY SPORTS

Starting next week, the Trib's Monday Sports coverage will grow to an additional page. That means there will be more stories, more results, more statistics and more pictures about the entire spectrum of weekend sporting activity from around the world. The summer weekends to come will be full of the premier sporting

events on the year's calendar — the French Open, the Olympics in Barcelona and, of course, the pro basketball finals, major league baseball and Grand Prix racing.

Monday Sports expands to get to more of the passion, more of the detail. Starting Monday, June 8.



ALONE AT THE TOP - Prime Minister Jan Olszewski of Poland in Parliament on Thursday. President Lech Walesa formally moved for the dismissal of his government. Mr. Olszewski faces a parliamentary vote of confidence Friday over the dismissal call.

# Of Human Bondage: India Tolerates Slave Labor as Usual

By Edward A. Gargan

New York Times Service IBRAHIMPUR, India - The spare 15year-old in a tattered shirt stood stiffly, shaking his head. "No," he said. "I don't know Bharat."

Gently, Kailash Satyarthi placed his hand on the young man's shoulder and said: "Bharat is this country, where you live. Bharat is India." Around Mr. Satyarthi and Bushan Lal

hovered a dozen other young men, some nodding in understanding, others wrestling with a new idea: India. These men have never seen a white person," Mr. Satyarthi explained. "They

what money is. Some don't even know the name of their country. They were bonded laborers, people who have been in com-plete servinide."

Throughout India, such workers toil, unpaid and ill treated, in what amounts to slavery in stone quarries, brick kilns and yards, and the rice paddies of central and

southern India.

have never seen a newspaper. They have such as Mr. Satyarthi, who works at his never heard of America. They don't know center for these laborers about 30 kiloma. ters (20 miles) portheast of New Delhi.

By conservative estimates, he said, there are 5 million adults and 10 million children io bonded labor in India, which has a population of 844 million. He terms the system "the scourge of humanity."

For more than a decade, Mr. Satyarthi, an engineer who gave up his career to work with India's outcastes and harijans, or un-Bonded labor — the practice of engaging touchables, has devoted his energies to workers without wages to pay off real or freeing India's bonded laborers from serviimagined debts - is against the law. But it tude, "Before 1979, nobody knew much persists despite court rulings, occasional about bonded labor," he said. "It was a owners or brick kiln managers with prompolice intervention and the work of people hidden phenomenon."

40,000 laborers from around the country," Mr. Satyarthi said. "I have lost two friends but that can never be fully repaid." while trying to liberate laborers, both in 1985. One was beaten to death with iron for any to escape. rods. One was shot dead. Both were io the quarries. Some people were arrested, but all were released later on."

Virtually all of India's bonded laborers are untouchables, who are at the bottom of the caste hierarchy. Some were born toto their condition because their parents or grandparents had been sold. Others were lured into servitude by agents for quarry ises of higher-paying jobs than they had.

"Since 1980 we have liberated more than Still others fell into their position from the need to repay loans that were readily given,

Once indentured, it is almost impossible

Only through repeated court orders from the national Supreme Court has Mr. Satyarthi been able to free any bonded workers. And even then, he said, local police and government officials often ignore court rulings. "There is so much corruption," he said. "These owners are very powerful.

They can do anything."
Hari Krishna Kandoi said: "I'm a harijan. My family has been bonded labor for See SLAVES, Page 6

## Saudis to Oil Firms: Don't Drill in Yemen

By Youssef M. Ibrahim

New York Times Service
LONDON — Saudi Arabia has warned international oil companies from the United States, France, Britain and Canada to stop looking for oil in several thousand square miles of northern Yemen adjacent to Saudi borders or face the possibility of retaliatory measures, in-

cluding military action.

The Saudi warnings contained in letters in the companies implied that they were operating in disput-ed onshore and offshore border areas between the two countries and in the Red Sea. But oil industry executives said many of the operations fell within territories between the 17th and 18th parallels widely believed for years to be under Yemeni sovereignty.

The move, accompanied by in-creased Saudi border patrols inside Yemeni territory and a hostile cam-paign against Sandi Arabia in the Yemeni press, has significantly worsened the relationship between the longtime Arabian Peninsula rival nations. Differences over borders be-

tween Saudi Arabia and Yemen date back to the 1930s, but the growing confrontation between Saudi Arabia and Yemen has taken a decisively nasty turn as a result of the deep animosities engendered by the Gulf War. Yemen appeared to back Iraq throughout the crisis.

Over the past few days, according to unconfirmed Yemeni press reports, Saudi Arabian iotelligence operatives working in northern Yegovernment of president Ali Abdullah Salch by promising Saudi citizenship to tribes in the border region if they supported Saudi

Oil executives in companies operating to Yemen have confirmed that increased patrols by Saudi Army personnel have been ob-

warnings to the oil companies and notified more of them to cease activities in disputed border regions onshore and in the Red Sea. A cessation of oil exploration and production activities in Yemen would deal a heavy blow to the Yemeni economy. Foreign companies active there spend hundreds of millions of dollars looking for oil

While the Saudi government has denied reports of military move-ments, it has over the past few days

issued several statements accusing

Yemen of resisting a settlement of outstanding border disputes. The

Saudi government stood by its



even before they start producing it, thus contributing foreign currency to the impoverished country.

Yemen produces 200,000 barrels of oil a day from newly discovered fields and is expecting this output to rise to 800,000 barrels a day within five years, with the help and men were trying to destabilize the capital investments of about 20 foreign oil companies operating in joint ventures to the country.

In 1990 Saudi Arabia dealt a first blow to the Yemeni regime by evicting as many as I million Yemeni workers who were sending home hundreds of millions of dollars in remittances every year.

The latest confrontation be-See OIL, Page 6

By William K. Stevens New York Times Service

RIO DE JANEIRO — Even as a treaty to control global warming was being signed in the first substantive act of the Earth Summit, a group of European countries on Thursday was considering separate action that would go far beyond the terms of the treaty.

The declaration being discussed by Austria, Switzerland and the etherlands would commit any nation that signed it to stabilize emissions of heat-trapping atmospheric gases at 1990 levels by 2000, as the European Community unsuccessfully advocated in negotiations on the climate treaty.

But the new proposal, which would embarrass the United States if it were adopted, exceeds even the Europeans' earlier position by committing signatories to reduce emissions after 2000. Austria, Switzerland and the Netherlands were the leaders of the group, but the proposal was aimed at other indus-trialized countries as well.

A member of the U.S. delegation said that the United States was "strongly opposed" to the proposal as an attempt, in effect, to rewrite the climate treaty's key provision on specific commitments to be tak-en by the industrialized countries.

The United States used the threat of President George Bush's absence at the Earth Summit to get the Europeans to agree to treaty language that falls far short of what they wanted. The United States

Hugo Haider, the Austrian min-ister of the environment, said that a decision on whether to offer the proposal formally here would be made "before the week is over."

On another issue a number of countries, including Brazil, Britain, Germany and Canada, were exploring the legal possibility of recasting part of the treaty on biolog-ical diversity, the other legally binding agreement to be signed here, to make it acceptable to the

The United States, while supporting the treaty's central provisions relating to conservation, has refused to sign it on other grounds.

Fund for Ecology

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ment Agency for the period 1993 to

About 70 countries are poor

enough to qualify for International

Development Agency loans.

Meanwhile, rich and poor coun-

tries are locked in a diplomatic struggle in Rio over other ways of

raising the additional aid the Third

World demands as its price for co-

operating with the Agenda 21 plan

lizing the climate and protecting

Originally the developing coun-

tries wanted all additional environ-

mental aid channeled through a

new Green Fund, which they

would control and which would

make loans without any strings at-

Donor countries were united in

opposing this. Instead, they are of-

fering an expansion of the World

Bank's Global Environment Facili-

ty -- set up two years ago to back

environmental projects in the Third World — together with a

package of reforms designed to

give recipients a greater say in how it operates.
There is a consensus emerging

among donors in favor of doubling or even tripling the GEF from its present level of \$1.3 billion when it

comes up for renewal next year,"

said Mohammed Ashry, the agen-

Developing countries also resent the Global Environment Facility's links with the World Bank, which is

effectively controlled by the North-

ern Hemisphere's donor countries.

here is to create a new Participants

Assembly, representing both do-nors and recipients, which would

set broad policy guidelines by con-

The Third World has now

backed away from its Green Fond

proposal and agreed that fresh en-vironmental aid should be chan-

neled through a variety of existing

developing countries are pressing donors to make good by the end of

this century on their long-standing

commitment to give up to 0.7 per-

cent of their total economic output

Rich Northern Hemisphere

countries give about 0.45 percent of

their wealth in aid, which amounts

to some \$55 billion a year. Raising

this to 0.7 percent would double aid

flows and bring the total close to

what the developing world needs to

about 0.21 percent of its wealth in

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will not make any new commit-

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It contends that some provisions would vitiate patent rights, harm the country's biotechnology industry and leave the treaty's mechanism for channeling conservation money from rich countries to poor ones unclear.

William K. Reilly, the head of the U.S. delegation, said that the other countries were aware of what treaty language would be acceptable to Washington, but that the Americans were not actively seeking to have the treaty redrawn in It was unclear whether this could be done legally, and in any case Mr. Reilly said that there was too little time to revise the treaty, and that any changes would have to be made after the Earth Summit.

In a simple ceremony, President Fernando Collor de Mello of Brazil became the first head of govern-ment to sign the climate treaty, which will commit signatory countries to take steps to stabilize atmospheric concentrations of such greenhouse gases as carbon dioxide and methane at safe levels, but sets steps for initial action only vaguely.



ANGER IN BETHLEHEM — A clergyman trying to enter Manger Square in Bethlehem on Thursday during a curiew imposed after a worker at the Church of the Nativity was wounded. Israeli soldiers killed the Palestinian attacker.

# EC Unity: Was It Just a Cold War Dream?

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

OSLO - By its rejection of the treaty on European union, Den-mark has exposed the idea of European political unity for the fragile Cold War creature it was.

The message sent by Denmark, one of the smallest and proudest nations in Europe, was that it feared being swallowed up in a fed-eral state dominated by larger and more powerful neighbors.

But the concern of the supporters of union was that the Danes were not alone in their anxieties. Some officials at 10 Downing Street expressed relief that, finally, it was not just Britain that had doubts about how far national interests and ancient symbols of sovereignty should be submerged in a

Nationalism nearly destroyed Europe in two world wars, and it lies at the heart of the unresolved contradiction between two differ- as the Soviet Union existed, Europe ent views of what the European Community should be today: a the NATO alliance. confederation of freely cooperating NATO's conven

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sovereign states or a federation with a single currency, a single eco-nomic policy and a single foreign

and security policy.

On the idea of building a prosperous and powerful trading bloc together and never going to war again with one another, there has been a true unity of views in En-rope, a remarkable achievement in cy as well as a common currency.

But it has not been enough to made clear the difficulties in make the European Community a achieving a common foreign policy.

force in the world or even to enable munity imposed economic sancit to defend itself. For that, as long tions on the remnant of the Yugoslav state dominated by Serbia, but needed the United States, through it finally imposed an oil embargo only after the United Nations Security Council did so. NATO's conventional forces

The nightly television scenes of Serbs killing Muslims in Bosniawere designed to deter Soviet at-tack and thus, in a sense, never to Herzegovina and mortar shells fallbe used. Now they are impractical ing on the medieval Croatian port for use in dealing with new kinds of threats, resulting in the European Community's difficulties in coping of Dubrovnik are a shame and a scandal. West Europeans agree, and the violence has already conwith the violence in the Balkans, where ethnic brushfires threaten to fronted them with hundreds of thousands of refugees huddling on their doorsteps. The treaty that Denmark reject-

Yet neither NATO nor the European Community has any realistic plan or policy to quell the fighting or prevent it from spilling over into other countries.

NATO agreed last year to create a rapid reaction force that will consist of 70,000 to 100,000 troops from European countries and be supported by U.S. helicopters and planes. If it existed today, it might conceivably be sent in to enforce peace in the Balkans. But the corps will not even be ready until 1995. And there is no consensus among European members of NATO for using those troops, or any others, in such a peacekeeping role anyway.

Denmark's rejection of a treaty

on unity, unsurprisingly, came as a discouraging sign to the alliance's secretary-general, Manfred

of such a vote," he said.

France and Germany, saying they both want to strengthen Europe's ability to provide for its own nuclear-weapons program - with defense, have announced the formation of a joint corps of 35,000 troops. But that has aroused British and American fears that it could

undermine NATO. But the French-German corps, too, does not yet exist in reality, and even if it did, the government in Bonn has insisted that the German soldiers in it could not go anywhere to do anything until the German Constitution is changed. We Europeans have to admit

openly: Europe has not yet gone so far as to be able to deal with this new kind of challenge," the German foreign minister, Klaus Kinkel, said in Paris this week. The Danish foreign minister,

Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, who led the campaign for a yes vote, said this week that Denmark, too, did not want European foreign policy deci-sions made over its head, and that consensus was better.

Some diplomats in Europe, par-ticularly those from the United States, observe that consensus often leads mostly to inaction, and that inaction in security affairs is really what most of the Europeans led by small countries like Denmark, really want.

These U.S. officials believe that Europe still needs the United States to help solve its most acute security problems, and that it may yet need the United States to lead it to effective action in Yugoslavia.

## **Monitor** Calls Korea N-Facility ${\bf `Primitive'}$

By Don Oberdorfer

WASHINGTON - A video recording of a visit by international nuclear experts to a formerly secret nuclear installation in North Korea suggests that the facility is far from ready to produce enough phitonium to make atomic weapons, according to International Atomic Energy Agency officials, David Kyd, information director

of the organization, which is based in Vienna, said by telephone that in Vienna, said by lelephone that the video shows an "extremely primitive" facility that was visited in mid-May by the energy agency director-general, Hans Blix, and accompanying nuclear experts. The video, supplied by North Korea as a visual record of Mr. Blix's visit, shows the inside of a structure shows the inside of a structure, about the length of two football fields, which the North Koreans called a "laboratory" for making plutonium from spent nuclear fuel and which appears a long way from being finished, Mr. Kyd said.

Energy agency experts said the quipment in the building which "Looking at the picture in Eu- has been the subject of intense inrope at this very moment, confront- terest and speculation for U.S. and ed with very serious crises, f think other intelligence agencies, is no what Europe needs is the opposite more than 40 percent complete. U.S. intelligence has been observing construction of the reprocessing plant - a key facility in a growing apprehension for at least four years.

The CIA director, Robert M. Gates, testified before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on Feb. 25 that North Korea was "a few months to as much as a couple of years" from producing a nuclear weapon. A month later, on March 27, Mr. Gates told the House Armed Services Committee that the North Korean reprocessing plant was "nearly completed" and that "we believe Pyongyang is close, perhaps very close, to having a nuclear-weapon capability."
Such intelligence reports had

provided the basis for increasingly tough U.S. warnings to North Korea and an emerging atmosphere of crisis. Wednesday, a senior admin-istration official defended the earlier U.S. intelligence data, saying that the "intelligence was admittedly vague" and that most news reporting about it had focused on the "worst case" side of the range of estimates provided by officials.

#### **Kohl Sends Note Assuring Bush** On Euro-Corps Washington Post Service

BONN — Chancellor Helmut Kohl, trying to calm U.S. worry that a new German-French military force would undermine NATO, has sent a letter to President George Bush assuring him of German loyalty to the alliance, officials said here.

The chancellor's intention is to again make it clear that this is not directed against NATO," accord-

ing to a Kohl aide.
Chancellor Kohl and President
François Mitterrand unveiled
plans on May 22 for a 35,000-member joint force, to be known as the Euro-Corsibly to serve as the nucleus

of a European army,
Mr. Kohl's message followed unusually sharp criticism from Washington that trans-Atlantic ties were being strained by the plan.

#### DEATH NOTICE

Richard J. Walsh Died June 1st 1992 in his home city of Philadelphia after a long illness. In government service, he and his family had lived mainly in Europe since 1951 being in Geneva from 1964 to 1987. He is survived by his wife Patricia Walsh who will continue to live in Philadelphia.

## WORLD BRIEFS

## France Reduces Nuclear-Alert Status

PARIS (AFF) — France, citing the dwindling nuclear threat since the collapse of the Soviet Union, will reduce its level of nuclear preparedness military sources said Thursday.

military sources said Thursday.

They said the new strategy would include a reduction from three to two in the number of missile-launching nuclear submarines deployed at any one time, as well as changes in the readiness status of many weapons. But military sources stressed that neither the reduction nor the recent announcement by President François Mitterrand that France was abandoning nuclear tests in the Pacific until the end of the year meant that the reduction of maintaining a nuclear researce was being reconsidered. policy of maintaining a nuclear presence was being reconsidered.

#### Kuwait Aide Criticizes U.S. Envoy

KUWAIT (AP) — The speaker of Kuwait's interim legislature, the National Council, accused the U.S. ambassador, Edward W. Gnehm Jr., in an interview published Thursday of interfering in Kuwaiti affairs and encouraging anti-government activists.

The official, Abdulaziz Masaeed, also belittled the American role in

freeing Kuwait from Iraqi occupation, saying Washington became involved because it suited U.S. interests.

Mr. Masaced accused Mr. Guehm of talking about democracy at informal gatherings where political and economic issues were discusse

#### Tokyo Panel Backs UN Troop Role

TOKYO (Reuters) — A key parliamentary committee approved a billearly Friday that would allow Japanese troops to participate in United Nations peacekeeping operations. The bill still has to be passed by the hicameral Diet to become law.

Japan's governing Liberal Democratic Party, ending a marathon de-bate, pushed the measure through a stormy session of the special upper

The bill is designed to allow Japan to send an army unit of 2,000 members to take part in UN peacekeeping missions, such as the one in Cambodia. It now goes to a vote in the plenary session of the 252 members of the upper house, where the Socialists have vowed to stage a

#### Israeli Cites New Demjanjuk Doubts

JERUSALEM (WP) — The Israeli state prosecutor handling the case of John Demjanjuk, the convicted war criminal, acknowledged Thursday for the first time that new evidence uncovered in Moscow cast doubt on whether Mr. Demjanjuk was the Nazi death camp guard known as "Ivan

Mr. Demjanjuk, 72, was sentenced to death four years ago by an lamen court, which said there was no doubt he was the gas-chamber operator at the Treblinka death camp in Poland, called "the Terrible" because of the sadistic way he whipped people while driving them into the gas chamber.

Born in Ukraine, Mr. Demjanjuk, a retired Cleveland autoworker who
was extradited from the United States to Israel, contended throughout his trial that he was a victim of mistaken identity.

U.K. Court Impugns IRA Conviction

LONDON (WP) — In another blow to Britain's justice system, an appeals court ruled Thursday that police, prosecutors, forensic experts and psychiatrists had improperly withheld evidence in the case of a woman wrongfully convicted of bombing a military bus for the IRA.

The three appeals judges ruled that Judith Ward, 43, had served 18 years, 3 months and 5 days in prison for a crime she confessed to businessed to

not commit. They threw out her confession as patently unreliable and a said the forensic evidence that she had handled explosives was so badly flawed that it was useless. Government scientists, they ruled, had con-

spired to conceal evidence and present a "false and distorted picture.".

Miss Ward, released on bail, is the 17th person imprisoned in Britain for IRA bombings in the 1970s to be exonerated after findings of official cover-up and police misconduct.

#### For the Record

Pope John Paul II arrived Thursday in Luanda, Angola, to be greeted by President José Eduardo dos Santos and thousands of singing and dancing Angolans, Angola's population is 56 percent Roman Catholic. (AP) Albanian police intervened for the second day Thursday to prevent nearly 2,000 people from forcing their way onto an ftalian-bound ship in the port of Viore, Tirana radio said. Viore lies across the Adrianic from Brindisi, which was beset by Albanian refugees last year.

#### TRAVEL UPDATE

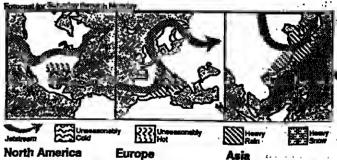
Lufthansa German Airlines plans to turn its "Lufthansa Express" would eliminate first class on domestic flights and offer only business and economy class in Germany and throughout Europe.

Japan and South Africa agreed Thursday to allow charter flights and to start talks on regular air links. (Reuters) The port of Cherbourg, France, was shut Thursday in a strike that organizers said aimed to protect threatened jobs in the region. Barricades were thrown up on all roads leading to the city and at major intersections.

Public transportation was to resume Friday, organizers said. (AFP) A suspected gas leak at Atlanta airport shut both terminals for several hours Thursday. Most passengers were not affected, but some who expected to catch flights in Atlanta might have missed them, a Delta Air Lines spokesman said. The problem turned out to be a burst hydraulic

line in some machinery. The United States, the auctioned former luxury liner, left a shippard in Newport News, Virginia, on Thursday for a refurbishing in Turkey as a cruise ship after 23 years of sitting idle. The ship set a trans-Atlanta speed record on its maiden voyage in 1952.

The Weather



Europe Southern Europe will con-tinue to have damp, unext-ted weather this week-end. Thunderstorms will pound taily and southern France while a cool rain soults the Alps and south-ern Germany. London to Paris will be mainly dry and graduatly milder.



#### After Danes' Rebuff, No Early Welcome to Outsiders By Tom Redburn mational Herald Tribune

The 11 Circle Their Wagons

PARIS - The European Community remains a beacon for the governments of Austria, Sweden, Finland and Switzerland. But their bright hopes

"There are a lot of people who already worried that a host of new members could dilute the unity of the Community," one EC official said. "The Danes have only confirmed those fears."

The Danes have thrown into disarray, at least for now, the plans of those pledged a further "deepening" of the Community through greater power-sharing among the existing members. But as the EC regains its balance, advocates of

"widening" the Community by broadening its membership are likely to face greater difficulty. Can they persuade everyone that even affluent outsiders like Sweden and Switzerland, which have long prized their independence, will now play by the same rules?

Making the case for the fledging democracies in the East, such as Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary, could prove even harder. The Danes, by forcing the EC to re-examine its

plans for greater political and economic integration, have also raised profound questions about the future shape of the Community itself that must be dealt with first. "You can't deal with enlargement when you are going through an identity crisis," said Jim Rollo,

director of European economic studies at the Royal Institute for International Affairs in London. What is the entity the new countries will be joining? Is it the Treaty of Rome, the Maastricht accord, or something else entirely?"

In the immediate aftermath of the Danish refer-

endum, the Swedish prime minister, Carl Bildt, acknowledged Wednesday that the vote was "a setback" to his government's plans to open negotiations next year on entry into the European Community by 1995.
Nonetheless, Sweden's conservative government

which has staked its political future on revitalizing the economy through the extra competition that would flow from joining the EC — vowed to press ahead. Defense Minister Anders Bjoerck, at a news conference in Paris on Thursday, said Swe-

den still wants to enter the EC by the beginning of 1995, "based on the Maastricht agreement."

Yet those opposed to EC membership in the several countries bidding for entry gained fresh ammunition in their efforts to halt their govern-

"The decision of the Danish people gives encouragement to mobilize all our efforts against a Swiss entry into the EC," the traditionalist Auto Party said in a statement, "and to prevent a surren-

become conflagrations.

ed was to try to create a common

But the crisis in the Balkans has

only last month agreed to join the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, could well

negotiators. The Swiss were by far the most difficult to deal with in the bargaining with the European Free Trade Association that concluded last year with an agreement to extend the EC's single market rules to the seven EFTA nations, creating a European Economic Area common market embracing more than 400 million people in 19 coun-

joining the EC." Like the Swedes, Swiss officials say they will

to take account of even the small countries," a

EFTA nations could encounter delays as Brussels tries to decide what to do about its Maastricht Sorting out Denmark's refusal "will take the EC's time and resources" away from the European Economic Area deal, Kjell Eliassen, Norway's am-

bassador to Britain, said at a London conference Thursday.
"The EC," agreed Sven Norberg, director of legal affairs for the EFTA secretariat, "will have to

decide what the EC is first."

#### ments' drive toward membership. for early admission into the club are dimming, along with those of still-hesitant Norway, as the 11 other EC members close ranks in response to the Danish rejection of the Maastricht treaty on political and economic union.

der of our self-reliance and independence." Switzerland, like Denmark, relies heavily on direct democracy and plans to submit the government's decision to join a broad European free trade zone to Swiss voters later this year. The Swiss, who remain outside the United Nations and

decide to keep their neighbors at bay a little longer. That might be just fine with the Community's

"The Swiss are difficult to please," said Daniel Gros, senior research fellow at the Center for European Policy Studies in Brussels. "I wouldn't be surprised if they had second thoughts about

stick with their entry plans despite Denmark's decision. "The Danish vote shows that the EC has Foreign ministry official said. But those knocking on the Community's door may have to wait a while. Even the relatively uncontroversial free trade agreement with the

# Serbs Cite UN Report in Plea to End Sanctions

BELGRADE - A United Nations report casting doubt on Belgrade's control over the Serbian forces that are devastating Bosnia-Herzegovina has been seized on by Yugoslav leaders as grounds for the lifting of international sanctions.

But Western diplomats here are condemning the report, issued by Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali, as naive and misleading. They say it sabotages the international community's efforts to iso-

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handing him a public-relations nated Yugoslavia was not to blame General Ratko Mladic, command-

A Western diplomat here said, This report is terribly misgnided and destructive because it undermines the Security Council's own sanctions and sets back the world's intention of redirecting the Serbian people to the real source of their misery - the Milosevic regime."

Serbian officials and the statecontrolled Serbian press on Thursday played up the secretary-generlate the regime of the Serbian presial's report as vindication of their dent, Slobodan Milosevic, while claims that the new Serbian-domi-

MONTREUX: Montreux Palace

for the war in Bosnia. strengthens our trust in the United ity of Belgrade. Nations," Branko Kostic, the head of Yugoslavia's collective presiden-cy, told The Associated Press. He ers inside Bosnia concede that

report as "an implicit admission that a mistake had been made" in

singling out Yugoslavia as the ag-gressor in the Bosnian war and in

remains overwhelming that the Miimposing comprehensive economic The secretary-general's report is dated May 30, the same day that sanctions were approved by the Security Council. For reasons that remain unclear, it was not shown to council members until after the

The report says that the carrying out of sanctions against Yugoslavia again pleaded for foreign intervenhad been "greatly complicated" by the emergence inside Bosnia of "independent actors" beyond the con-trol of Belgrade officials.

er of Serbian forces inside Bosnia. The report returns and as not being subject to the author-Western diplomats who monitor

urged the lifting of sanctions.
State-controlled Belgrade television described Mr. Butros Ghali's the number of outlaw groups— But they say that the evidence

> losevic government, despite its denials, continues to shape the policies and bankroll the operations of radical Serbian leaders in Bosnia. Meanwhile, sporadic fighting continued overnight in Bosnia, including Sarajevo. Violence across

the republic reportedly claimed at

least 45 lives, and Bosnian leaders

More than 5,000 people have been killed and I million left homeless by the two-month war. -BLAINE HARDEN

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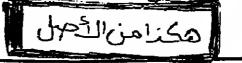
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# The Mood Around Clinton: Abused and Confused

By David Maraniss

Washington Post Service
LOS ANGELES — On the morning after Bill Clintoo clinched his party's presidential nomination, words that he had often used to evoke the frustrations of the American middle class seemed more applicable to

By Patrick E. Tyler

noi in 1987 in an effort to free Americans

who might have remained in captivity from the Vietnam War, Ross Perot and one of his associates discussed private

business opportunities with Vietnamese

officials, according to a senior Vietnamese

In a June 1990 letter, the Vietnamese Foreign Ministry designated Mr. Perot and his company as a business agent of the

government of Vietnam to help procure

American investment for Hanoi once dip-

lomatic and trade relations were normal-

ized, Mr. Perot said. Those relations have

But Mr. Perot and the senior Vietnamese official agree about little else in ac-

counts they provided about business dis-

cussions that appear to have overlapped

with Mr. Perot's efforts to determine

whether any American prisoners of war

remained alive in Southeast Asia and, if.

None of Mr. Perof's contacts with Ha-

official and Mr. Perot.

yet to be normalized,

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — After going to Ha-

If nothing else during his long quest for the Democratic nomination, Mr. Clinton followed what he thought were the rules of .

"I am tired of seeing people who work hard and play by the rules get the shaft," Mr. Clinton modern politics. The shaft was to wake up to find that he was an asterisk in the day's events and that even Democratic voters had told exit poll-takers that they might junk him for a political

"It's sad and a bit ironic in my

**Did Perot Combine Business With POW Effort?** 



Mr. Clinton playing the saxophone during the taping of a television show. The show's host, Arsenio Hall, left, said "It's good to see a Democrat blowing something other than the election."

U.S. government officials who were engaged in negotiations with Vietnam. Nothing about the business discussions was

illegal, but a number of American officials

dealing with prisoner-of-war issues ex-pressed surprise, and some criticized the

Mr. Perot said that he never had any intention to invest in Vietnam or South-

east Asia and that his trip in 1987 to Hanoi

and the eight subsequent trips by an asso-ciate. Harry McKillip, to meet with Viet-

namese officials were either related to pris-

oner-of-war or missing-in-action issues or

He said he had engaged in several "philosophical" discussions about business opportunities with Vietnamese offi-

cials, but he dismissed these as the initia-

tive of Vietnamese officials, including the

Mr. McKillip said he had not engaged

in commercial negotiations with Vietnam-

ese officials. He said he had merely sup-

plied the foreign minister with books on

management, investment and finance to

aid the official's efforts to develop a code

maverick, Ross Perot.

book," said Mr. Clinton's media

adviser, Frank Greer. So what rules does Mr. Clinton follow now? The frustration of the Arkansas governor and his advisers is compensated by a feeling — a hope, at least - that Wednesday was a starting-over point for all the candidates and the voters. Mr. Clinton said he was looking forward to the general election as a chance to say to the voters: Give us a listen."

There are three dominant areas of concern for the Clinton campaign between now and the Democratic National Convention in New York in mid-July, his aides say. The first is to get the public to take another look at their candidate. The second is to deal with the Perot phenomenon. And the third is to use Mr. Clinton's selection of a running mate as a positive turning point in the election. George Stephanopoulos, in

charge of overseeing the message, said his goal between now and the convention is "to make sure all of America knows who Bill Clinton what he's done and what he stands for." That task should be easier now, Mr. Stephanopoulos said, without primary contests that were at times "both debilitat-

ing and distracting."
While Mr. Clintoo will oot abandon his cross-country travelng campaign style, he will modify it somewhat, and focus each week on a thematic speech and a half-hour paid national television call-in show. Mr. Greer said the

Mr. Perot said he had rejected the June 1990 letter from the foreign minister when Mr. McKillip returned with it from Hanoi,

and that he had never replied to the Viet-

namese, although Mr. McKillip continued

his contacts with officials of the govern-

On Wednesday, Mr. Perot read the con-

tents of the letter over the telephone but

declined to make public a copy of it, saying he feared that would harm current

discussions between Vietnam and the

A senior official of Vietnam's Foreign

Ministry, Le Van Bang, said in a telephone interview from Hanoi that his government

had been discussing commercial ventures

with Mr. Perot's representatives since

sometime after Mr. Perot's 1987 visit to

Hanoi, which was devoted mostly to issues

involving prisoners of war and servicemen

Mr. Bang, in an interview last month,

asserted that Mr. Perot and his associate

had promised money, medicines, medical equipment and other humanitarian aid in

discussions that eventually included much

larger commercial assistance. That aid is

ment in Hanoi.

missing in action.

of his life experiences, such as relating his education policies to the role schools played in his rise from small-town Arkansas to the national stage.

Some midlevel Clinton aides have grown increasingly frustrated with what they see as the campaign's inability to understand pop culture. They were dumbfounded when television and newspaper coverage was barred the other night when Mr. Clinton played the saxophone at a fundraiser. These aides sense that Mr. Clinton, 45, is still playing by an old rule of his that he should not alienate older voters by emphasizing his youth.

When James Carville, Mr. Clinton's tactical consultant, was asked about Mr. Perot this week, he sounded like he had just returned from a New Age psycho-

"Let it go. Watch it. Sit back. Enjoy it. It's out there and there's nothing you can do about it," said Mr. Carville, who is rarely known for complacently going with the flow of events.

The smile on Mr. Carville's face betrayed a certain edge to what he was saying. Because President George Bush's cam-paign staff and posses of reporters were searching Mr. Peror's background for revealing infor-mation, Mr. Carville said, there was oot much the Clinton camp

referred to in the letter and in Mr. Bang's remarks during the telephone interview as

falling into the categories of electronics,

computers, oil and gas, transportation and

In a categorical rejection of the asser-tion that Mr. Perot's company actively pursued a commercial relaconship with

Vietnam, Mr. Perot said, "When the dust

settles, no matter how you write it, you

have my word, my oath on it: None of this

He raised the possibility that Vietnam's

Politburo had made a determination that

it could curry favor with the Bush adminis

tration and speed normalization of trade

and diplomatic ties with Washington by

sabotaging Mr. Perot's putative run for the

Several American officials suggested

that any private dealings with Hanoi by Mr. Perot could reinforce hard-line views

in the Polithuro, where there is strong

sentiment to delay cooperation on the re-patriation of POW remains as a way to

exert leverage on Washington to speed

normalization and the end of a trade em-

is true. It did not occur."

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# U.S. House **Sets Deeper** Troop Cuts Abroad

WASHINGTON — The House of Representatives has voted to reduce the nearly 350,000 U.S. troops overseas even more than planned by the Pentagon, and also to press allies to pay more of the cost of keeping U.S. forces on their territo-

Opening debate on the fiscal year 1993 defense appropriations bill, the lawmakers voted to slash

forces abroad by 40 percent.
The House voted Wednesday to cut total troop strength abroad hy the end of 1995 to 228,000, including 100,000 from the forces in Europe. The troops in Europe are already down sharply from the 300,000 level maintained during the Cold War.

The House also approved a pro-posal that would require President George Bush to oegotiate new formulas under which the Europeans and South Korea would pay 70 percent of the cost for keeping U.S. troops in their countries, much as Japan does. Representative Butler Derrick.

Democrat of South Carolina, said that keeping U.S. troops in Europe, South Korea and Japan last year cost about \$25 billion.

The House voted to reduce the Pentagon's \$274 billion budget by \$3.5 billion. This was adopted with the understanding that the Pentagon would make up the difference either hy speeding up withdrawals or inducing others to bear more of the cost the cost.

The changes were the first in what is expected to he a spate of amendments to the defense bill. These range from conservative moves to restore money for the Strategic Defense Initiative, the missile-defense system, to liberal efforts to ban ouclear testing.

Despite the oumerous amendments expected, Representative Les Aspin, Democrat of Wisconsin, the chairman of the Armed Services Committee, said he believed the measure would be approved

more or less intact. The Senate is expected to take up similar legislation in July.

### British Warships Pass Suez

PORT SAID, Egypt - A British Navy carrier group passed through the Suez Canal on Thursday from the Mediterranean, headed for East Asia. Led by the Invincible, the group left England on May 12 for a six-month assignment.

#### **Heart Surgery** For Buchanan

WASHINGTON - The Republican presidential con-tender Patrick J. Buchanan is to have elective heart surgery on Friday to repair his aortic valve, a campaign spokesman

said Thursday. The spokesman, Dan Giroux, said the surgery was to correct a problem that the conservative columnist has known about for at least 10 years.

He decided to have the major surgery performed once the primary season was over. Mr. Buchanan, 53, entered the Washington Hospital Center on Thursday and is expected to remain there for eight days, Mr. Giroux said.

He said doctors say Mr. Buchanan will be fully recovered by the Republican National Convention in August.

#### Helms Is Recovering Well

United Press Intern RALEIGH, North Carolina -Senator Jesse Helms, 71, Republican of North Carolina, is in stable condition after undergoing open-heart surgery, his office has an-nounced. Doctors replaced his mitral valve, and four coronary bypass grafts were done.

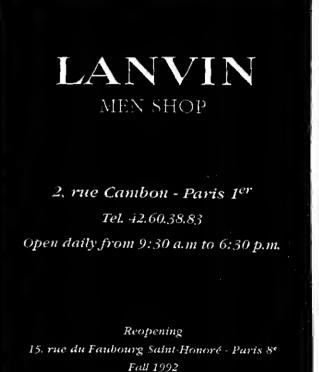
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# Elvis Ain't Nothin' But a Young Man

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ica hasn't yet selected a new president, but it has picked its king.
The 1950s version of Elvis Presley from "Heartbreak Hotel" and Hound Dog" fame has been voted in by fans for a new U.S. stamp

honoring the singer. The king of rock and roll died in 1977 at age 42.
The Postal Service announced Thursday that the "young Elvis" design outpolled the "old Elvis" on of him amid Las Vegas glitter by a 3-to-1 margin. The image will adorn 29-cent first-class

letters in January.

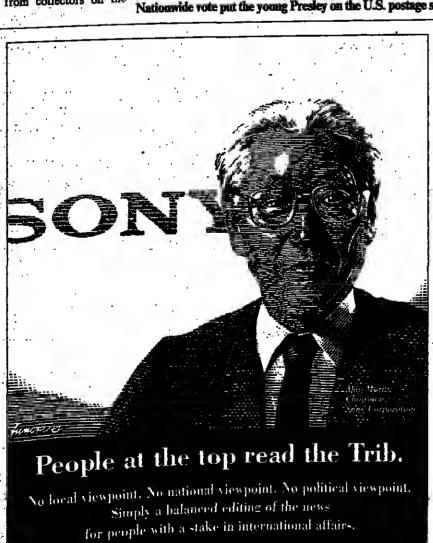
Officials had commissioned two portraits. The winning one had Presley cradling a '50s-style microphone in his "Hound Dog" years. The other showed him as a pufficr Las Vegas performer.

With Presley's former wife, Priscilla, on hand, the results were antinomeed in Memphis. More than a

million votes were cast. Critics objected to the project's \$300,000 in promotional costs, but the Postal Service expects to make money from collectors on the

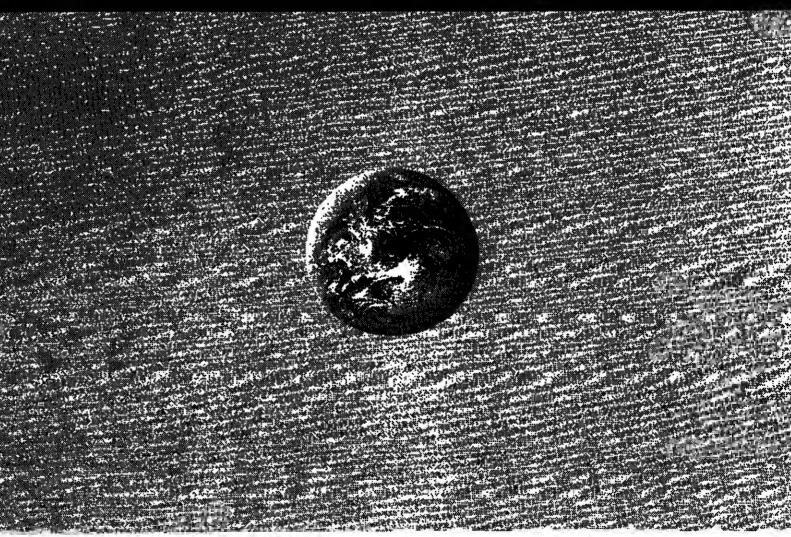


Nationwide vote put the young Presley on the U.S. postage stamp



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# A Lever to Try on China

tween the United States and China. The reform there. But the Chinese government Chinese used to brush off American complaints about the grossly unfair tactics they choose among the standards of internationhave been using to hold down imports from al conduct, accepting those — such as acthe United States. Then, late last year, the cess to the American market — that work to Bush administration threatened retaliation. its advantage and ignoring the others. Now negotiations are suddenly moving along productively. If the United States seriously wants China to meet its commitments on human rights, perhaps trade sanctions offer an effective lever.

In dealing with China, the United States has three great concerns. China's denial of human rights and its suppression of the democratic movement three years ago are especially troubling. On the second, the pro-liferation of massively destructive weapons, there has been some recent progress. In response to years of diplomatic pressure and persuasion, China has at last committed itself to the international rules on transfer of nuclear technology and missiles. While its past record gives cause for uneasiness, so far China seems to be keeping these promises. The third major American concern is trade.

The United States grants most-favorednation treatment to imports from China, meaning that China pays the lowest tariff any country gets. This benefit is enormously valuable to China, whose sales to the United States are rising fast. President George Bush has now renewed China's

During the past year there has been an important change in trade relations be-

lts attitude toward human rights certainly shows little sign of change. Last month security agents raided the Beijing bureau of The Washington Post, seizing notebooks and papers of our correspondent, Lena Sun. On human rights, the Bush administration has repeatedly settled for evasions and vague promises.

On trade, in contrast, it told the Chinese last year that their treatment of American exports violated international rules and that if they did not negotiate enforceable agreements by next October, the United States would impose prohibitive tariffs on a wide range of the goods that they send to America. China has responded entirely rationally, and the latest word is that the negotiations are coming along well. The agreements apparently will cover even highsensitive subjects, such as the widespread

Chinese piracy of computer software.

Why doesn't the Bush administration bring the same forcefulness and determination to bear on Chinese treatment of human rights?

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

## The Next Step for Clinton

Bill Clinton, having emerged from the muddy scuffle of primary season with the delegates needed for the Democratic presidelegates needed for the Democratic president and probable nominee is at least premature and dential nomination, suggests that the public will now step back and give his candidacy the fresh look under a broader lens that it deserves. We hope he is right. Primary fights tend to be fairly narrow and clamorous affairs that rarely do any candidate's reputation much good. Mr. Clinton, in our view, saw his identity bent out of shape and his record obscured even more than most.

His advance to the votes needed for nomination came across in the press and on television as a kind of combination soap opera and high-wire act, a series of narrow. escapes from the various unearthings and renderings of the "character question," a series, as well, of endlessly confounded press predictions that he was about to lose whatever primary was coming next.

The script included all of that, but in

retrospect it was mainly a good bit duller, the steady progress of a tortoise whose wellconceived and mainly centrist campaign defeated the hares. A long list of prominent Democrats declined to run when George Bush looked a lot stronger than he does now. Two former high office-holders running as outsiders, nonpoliticians and, in part, as stand-ins for none-of-the-above then gave the Arkansas governor his strongest competition. Under intense pressure from these competitors as well as the media, Mr. Clinton showed himself a good fighter - tough but not nasty or mean.

What Bill Clinton has been for years is the popular, skillful, imaginative and mostly progressive governor of a very poor and therefore difficult state. Nobody in his right nind would firmly predict anything about the November election today: Each new sur- summon the country to more.

misplaced. All three of the contenders in the current race have a chance. Mr. Clinton's chance depends on what he does now.
He needs to assist in the process of redis-

covery he is urging. But the discussion needs to be much more serious and authoritative on his part than it has been thus far, and on the overriding issue of the budget deficit especially. It would be no excuse for Mr. Clinton and no help to him at all to take refuge in the fact that neither the president nor Ross Perot has yet said practically anything plausible on how the deficit can be reduced. Current wisdom may have it that voters don't want to hear such policy choices and proposals, only talk of general values and principles. But the current wisdom has not been much to brag about at any point this year, Mr. Clinton appears to have thought more and harder about many issues of government than either of his competitors, and we would say his only chance of prevailing lies in making this clear to the voters — and, above all in importance, in speaking hard, politically audacions sense on the deficit. He should take a page from Paul Tsongas's book here.

The next president will be able to govern no better than this one has unless he reduces the deficit. The question is how. Which taxes does he seek a mandate to raise, which spending to cut, in order to accomplish his various objectives? Mr. Clinton has carefully avoided much of the overpromising that has distinguished so many Democratic candidates past. That is good, but as part of the process of demonstrating the seriousness of nis claim to the presidency, he now needs to

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

### **Their Newfound Power**

Senate, demanding that the vote to confirm members are women. Clarence Thomas as a U.S. Supreme Court justice be shelved until Anita Hill's sexual won major party nominations; a dozen othfast forward to this week's California primary, where Democratic voters set the stage for gressional primaries could increase their running for the Senate from the same state.

Outrage over the Thomas hearings, congence of women as a growing force in national politics. Their success also owes much to general dissatisfaction with politics as usual, with male domination of the pro-

cess and with specific issues like abortion. The Thomas factor clearly helped one of former San Francisco Mayor Dianne Fein- a no-longer-silent majority. stein, broadened that message with the slo-

Think back to that angry day last fall when gan "2 Percent Is Not Enough," a reference seven women representatives marched to the to the fact that only two of the Senate's 100

Six serious women contenders have now harassment charges could be heard. Then ers are running in Senate primaries. In addition, victories by women in California's conthe first election in history with two women representation in the state's delegation, Mrs. Feinstein and her two male opponents were competing for the two years remaining in the ducted by an all-male Senate panel, is hard-term vacated by Governor Pete Wilson. Ms. ly the only reason for the welcome emer- Boxer and her two male opponents were vying for the full-term seat held by Senator Alan Cranston, who is retiring.

The Thomas controversy and abortion

rights were surely igniting influences in California, but Tuesday's primary results also bear a larger lesson for American politics. the California nominees, Representative Women are now discovering the political Barbara Boxer, who led the Thomas protest power that has long been theirs. In California march on Capitol Hill. The other winner, nia, as elsewhere, they can be - and are -

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

## Other Comment

Perot's Jolting Crapshoot

Almost everywhere Americans pause to talk politics these days, the focus is on the Texas billionaire who is set to launch an independent bid for the presidency. It could be that the [Ross] Perot boom may be a burst bubble once voters get serious and examine his policies and character. But that assumes the nation does not want a take-charge leader. Whatever the outcome of the Perot crapshoot. it has joited America from its feeling that the political game is fixed by rules that cannot be changed and that there is precious little the ordinary citizen can do about it. On the contrary, this year citizens can vote not just for one of three candidates but for change that, for better or worse, could be revolutionary.

- The Baltimore Sun.

### Rich Nations, Poor Nations

Ever since it became apparent that damage to the environment was posing a threat to the well-being of all mankind, the nations of the North and the South have been at odds about who is to blame and what should be done about it. The developing nations feel they are being unfairly accused of spoiling the environment. They expect the industrialized nations to help them so they can surive and grow without depleting their natural assets. They find it unfair of industrialized nations — the 23 percent of the global population who enjoy 85 percent of the total income - to ask the poor to curb growth by limiting use of their natural resources while

the rich nations continue to wallow in huxury. - The Jakarta Post.

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## **OPINION**

# Europe Gets a Dose of Realism

By Leslie H. Gelb

N EW YORK — Very bad week for Europe, the trouba-dours of doorn will sing for weeks: Perhaps the idea of a united Western Europe was buried in Denmark. Southeastern Europe is going up in flames. And the great Russian experiment in democracy and free enterprise is collapsing.

But the troubles could prove beneficial; European leaders' dreams of cohesiveness bely reality, Reformist techni-cians in Russia are out of touch with suffering workers. The leaders need wakeup calls to address tough questions about ends and means, questions that have become politically incorrect even to ask. Midcourse corrections are in order.

When the shock of Tuesday's Danish vote againstcurrency union subsides, West Europeans will find a way to continue toward greater unity. But it will be slower and with more attention to gaining popular support - and holding on to the security connection with America. As the horror of Yugoslavia sets in and as it becomes

appearent that Europe lacks the cohesion to respond to such

crises, Europeans may look more constructively at preserving U.S. leadership. NATO's decision Thursday to offer peacekeeping services to Europe is an encouraging example.

As Russia struggles with economic chaos, its leaders will have to pull back and strike a balance between market reforms and public support. Free marketeers will tear their hair out, but President Bons Yeltsin was wise this week not to sacrifice democracy on the alter of economic reform. The

and of the Cold War caused the Yeltsins, the Chancellor

Kohls and others to hurtle toward their dreams - political unity or collective security or capitalism — somewhat the Danes voted against the Maastricht treaty and the drive to a common West European currency by only a tiny majority. Those opposed included environmentalists, socialists and ordinary people led by political unknowns. But they shared an anxiety that undoubtedly has resonance throughout Western Europe: of having their national identity swallowed up by the faceless bureaucrats

of the European Community and by the big powers.

Many Danes who voted for the treaty did so not out of

conviction, but from fear of being left off the common economic bandwagon. Their leaders were too far ahead of them in abandoning sovereignty. This feeling, too, may be

widely felt in other West European states.

It may also turn out that most Danes womied about the Maastricht commitment to a common foreign and defense policy. Perhaps they realized that this would mean greater reliance on French-German military power and less on America and NATO. And perhaps that gave many Europeans a sense of mease, and premannity. Perhaps Bonn and Paris now will reconsider their plan for a joint army corps that seems to undercut ties to Washington and NATO.

To see the importance of these old ties, Europeans have only to flip on their television sets and gaze on the Bosnian massacres. European leaders simply could not deal with the situation on their own. Washington properly stood back in the early days of the Yugoslav crisis and let the Europeans take the lead. All too soon it became clear that they could agree only on exhortations of peace.

Europeans could not even agree on economic sanctions to stop the slaughter. The Bush administration had to step in last week to organize a sanctions resolution at the United Nations. The experience was not a pleasant one for European leaders. But it must have brought home to them the indispensability of U.S. leadership. That could prove a useful reminder when and if they realize the need

for further action to stop the fighting.

Lost in the Bosnian bloodshed and the Danish vote were decisions by Boris Yeltsin to recalibrate economic reforms. He ordered the printing of more money to pay off potential strikers, thus producing higher deficits and inflation. He also replaced some reform-minded ministers with conservatives. International Monetary Fund bureaucrats will protest and threaten to deny pending loans. But Mr. Yeltsin's goals remain the right ones. And if he is to stay in power, he has to prevent mass unemployment and compromise with a conservative parliament. Setbacks and retrenchment for Russian and West Eu-

ropean leaders could turn out well. They needed a dose The New York Times.

DANZIGER

You can't trust the Danes. Now I've got to vote "Yes" just to prove my Irish independence."

# NATO: This European-American Quarrel Serves Neither Side

P ARIS — The NATO decision Thursday to place peacekeeping forces at the disposal of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe enlarges NATO's relevance to the problems confronting Europe today, but it does not solve the current quarrel between Washington and the West Europeans on the future of Westem security arrangements.

This argument — essentially between the United States and France, but with the Germans today on France's side — is really the same argument that has been going on fruitlessly since the war years, when Franklin Roosevelt refused to support the Gaullist movement and argued that liberated France be dealt with as an occupied country, not an ally.

The proximate cause of today's quarrel was the French-German decision to create a multinational European army corps, but the underlying issues involve changing national power rela-tionships. Europe is advancing in power while the United States has been losing its economic and industrial edge over the rest of the world. Germany and France are the dominant states

of the new Europe, If Germany chooses to join France in creating a new military force, doing so despite Washington's argument that this is unnecessary and tends to undermine NATO, this demonstrates America's loss of power. In the past, Germany has faithfully followed

America's leadership. Not to have done so this time greatly irritates Washington, but is also extremely significant. The Germans are saying, implicitly, that they believe their long-term security depends more on their relations with By William Pfaff

their fellow Europeans than on Washington. This is a momentous developmen

The American loss of power today follows directly from the country's squandering of eco-nomic and industrial leadership during the 1970s. It thereby sacrificed a basic element in its claim to political leadership.

What was lost was not simply American economic autonomy, making the United States dependent upon foreign credits, but the respect of foreign governments. The Japanese as well as European governments concluded that America's leadership no longer had the will, or capacity, to preserve the leading role that the United States had occupied since the war.

Beyond this is another factor, which can be described as a matter of political psychology. France in particular, and contemporary Europeans in general, tend toward a pessimistic or at east cautionary view of the larger future. They bope — and work — for the best, but are by no means sure that all will turn out for the best. Events in Yugoslavia today, as well as the uncertainties about the ex-Soviet Union's future, cause them particular concern.

Americans, nn the other hand, have always been an optimistic people. Enthusiasm for Ross Perot's unannounced presidential candidacy is a sign of optimism much more than of desperation. There is a prevailing belief that the United States always will find a providential solution: Mr. Perot is merely the latest. And virtually

By Gideon Rafael

no American fears for America's security. When Washington looks at Europe's future, it considers NATO the proven security solution. Thus it vigorously backs any extension of

NATO competence and range of action. It sees any European move that might dilate NATO's cohesion as a step backward. It finds it hard to understand that any such move could be other than an act of national vanity and national aggrandizement by the French. But when the French look to the future - and

in recent years, increasingly, the Germans as well — they see what they consider an inevitable American withdrawal from Europe. They do not want the United States to leave; quite the contrary. But they think that it will go. As Charles de Gaulle said to his ministers as early as 1963, "A curious epoch, Messieurs, when one cannot say - without provoking I do not know what uproar that ... America is not Europe."

They find much in this year's U.S. presidential campaign to convince them that at least a limited American withdrawal from Europe will take place in the next few years. They conclude that they must prepare security mechanisms to look after themselves afterward.

Thus for several years there has been a new emphasis on the Western European Union, the nine-member security organization set up by the Europeans before NATO was formed, which now is supposed to become the military arm of the European Community.
The French and Germans have also explored

bilateral cooperation. The French like this because it binds the Germans to France and to the

West — a permanent matter of anxiety in Paris. The Germans accept it for the same reasons. For some time, therefore, an experimental French-German joint brigade has existed, and now there is the plan to create a 35,000-man "Eurocorps," expected to consist of a French light armored division based in Germany and a German armored infantry division. The other Europeans have been invited to join, with predictable re-sults: Belgians and Spanish may be interested, while the British and Dutch reject the idea.

The German division would be one now under NATO command. The French contribution would be the first permanent French commitment to an integrated command since France left the NATO command in 1966, The United States dislikes the Eurocorps because it is thought to weaken or tend to substitute for NATO. The American delegation to NATO has for the past three years been vainly campaigning for quite the opposite step, a subordination of all the West's cooperative institutions -European Community included — to NATO's strategic leadership or coordination.
But does one really need to quarrel over this?
With Yugoslavia in mounting ruin and the Unit-

ed States in political crisis, it is reasonable both for the Europeans to take precautions against certain real risks in their future, and for Americans to emphasize the importance of a stable and proven security institution. Neither excludes the other. In today's Europe, both sides have better concerns than fighting with one another.

International Herald Tribune.

# 25 Years Later: The View From the Eye of a Six-Day Hurricane ....

TERUSALEM - President Nasser's demand in May 1967 that the United Nations evacuate its peacekeeping forces from the Egyp-tian-Israeli border and the entrance to the Gulf of Aqaba hit the Middle

East like a bolt from the blue. That demand, followed by a huge injection of Egyptian troops and accompanied by boisterous predictions of Israeli doom, foreshadowed a new Arab-Israeli conflagration, the third since Israel's independence in 1948.

Neither Israel nor the United Nations was prepared for the approach-ing tempest. Nor, it now appears, did Nasser and his Syrian and Jordanian allies fully comprehend the risks incurred, so visceral was their desire to strike a deadly blow at Israel.

From the beginning of the crisis the United Nations was the focal point of crisis management. As Israel's ambassador to the

United Nations, I was instructed by Jerusalem to convey a message to Cairo, through the good offices of Secretary General U Thant, that Israel had no belligerent intentions and that it had not (contrary to Soviet disinformation) concentrated forces along the Syrian border. Nasser's answer arrived without delay. He insisted on the immediate withdrawal of United Nations forces. The Security Council was rendered powerless by the threat of a veto from the Soviet Union, the Arabs' partner.

And so the storm clouds burst on the morning of June 5 in a downpour of fire and devastation over Middle Eastern battlefields. The lessons of international lethargy, UN helplessness and the use-

lessness of international guarantees left a deep mark on Israel. So did the crushing sense of solitude in our hour of trial. We had appealed repeatedly to the secretary-general not to withdraw the UN peacekeepers. With the evacua-

tion already under way we asked him again, to no avail, to keep at least those UN units in place that ensured free passage into the Gulf of Aqaba. We suggested a mission by U
Thant to Cairo, Damascus and Jeru-

salem. But upon his arrival in Cairo he was rebuifed by Nasser, and he returned, discouraged, to New York.
We of the UN delegation transmitted to Prime Minister Levi Eshkol the secretary-general's last-minute appeal that the two key governments, those of Israel and Egypt, agree to a cooling-off period; the request was dropped when Nasser rejected it.

Israel made its case in world capitals and before the Security Council. In a special mission to Moscow, I apprised the Soviet government of Israel's stand and warned of the dangers of outsiders fanning the flames of Arab bellicosity. We asked the leading Western

powers — Britain, France and the United States — to help safeguard the peace. Finally, after our agonizing wait for international intervention proved futile, Israel was compelled to act in legitimate self-defense to cut the encircling noose. The fighting in the days to come

left Israel in control of an area ex-tending from the Suez Canal to the headwaters of the Jordan river and from the Golan Heights of Syria to the West Bank, which Jordan had occupied in 1948. When the smoke had cleared, the

Israeli government submitted peace proposals to Secretary of State Dean Rusk for transmission to the Arab governments. Israel declared its willingness to subordinate territorial

gains to the cause of peace. In ex-change for the establishment of normal contractual relations of peace, it was prepared to withdraw its forces to the international boundaries existing between British-administered Palestine and Egypt and Syria. In the context of a peace treaty,

Israel envisaged only such adjust-

ments as were necessitated by security considerations in the south and the unimpaired flow of the Jordan's headwaters in the north. The plan called for the demilitarization of certain areas and confirmed Israel's readiness to consider a special status for the protection of, and free access to, holy sites in Jerusalem.
On the future status of the West

Bank the government considered two approaches. The first assumed that a settlement could be reached with King Hussein; the second envisaged an association between the West Bank and Israel, based on self-rule and economic union. The Arab League answered Israel's peace proposals with a triple "no." Meeting in Khartoum in August 1967, it declared: no negotiations, no

recognition and no peace with Israel. A long political stalemate now began. Beligerency continued to govern Arab-Israeli relations. Six years after the 1967 war, Egypt and Syria at-tacked in what became known as the Yom Kippur War. It ended in their defeat. A Security Council resolution, sponsored by the United States and the Soviet Union, called on the parties to enter into direct peace negotiations under "appropriate aus-pices." It took six years of diplomatic wrangling for Israel and Egypt to conclude peace under the insistent hand of President Jimmy Carter.

Arab-Israeli crisis. The peace treaty, though it was opposed by Egypt's Arab brothers and the Palestinians, changed the psychological, political and strategic dimensions of the Mid-

dle East equation.

The world has changed radically since those six days in June 1967. Russia's trouble-making in the Middle East has ceased; its peacemaking intentions are evident but its capacities are limited.

The United States has taken the lead in affairs of the area. Though it has the best of intentions, results are yet to come. Saddam Hussein has been hurt seriously but remains in power. Moanmar Gadhafi, if not immortal, seems to be undeterrable in his pursuit of mischief.

Israel, a staunch but at times misunderstood ally of the United States, is in the throes of a decisive election campaign, where its will to peace is uncontested but its way to peace is a matter of fierce controversy.

Continued Mideast turnoil remains

a matter of grave concern to the international community, which relies on America's pacifying influence and hopes for greater impartiality from an invigorated United Nations. Ongoing efforts to achieve a peace-

ful settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict must result in an irreversible process. The ontcome is vital far beyand the Middle East. A successful conclusion to the peace talks would be one of the crowning achievements of the century.

The writer is a former director-gen-eral of the Israeli Foreign Ministry; during the 1967 war he headed the Israeli mission to the United Nations. He contributed this comment to the International Herold Tribune.

# IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: Ex-Priest's Plight NEW YORK - Father Dent, the

This was the turning point of the

unfrocked Catholic priest of the Diocese of Buffalo, has been suing his superiors for libel, and, to make things lively, he subpoensed Arch-bishop Corrigan, Bishop Ryan and sundry priests to serve papers on whom he has been hammering away at the convent doors to get at the supervisors, rushing into confession-als, to the affright of penitents, in order to serve the officiating priests, and raising a rumpus generally.

1917: Aid for the Blind

PARIS - The Permanent Blind War Fund, which is prefixed by the initials A. B. F. B. (American, British, French, Belgian), has recently entered upon a new work in Paris for the blind soldiers of France. This organization, which was one of the most extensive of all the American charity works, was founded by Mr. and Mrs. George A. Kessler. The

fund was first opened in England and commenced its activities in America in April, 1916. Its patrons include the King and Queen of England, the King and Queen of the Belgians and the President of the French Republic.

1942: Heydrich Is Dead LONDON - [From our New York

edition: Reinhard Heydrich, scourge of Nazi-occupied Europe, died in Prague today [June 4] while the rifles of his Gestapo took revenge among the populace for his assessination. Twenty-four more Czechs were executed in Prague and Brno after the announcement of Heydrich's death, the Prague radio announced tonisht. But the terror loosed by benchmen of Fuehrer Adolf Hitler's hangman. which already had claimed the lives of 163 hostages in Bohemia and Moravia, was building up its own counter-terror. The German radio itself revealed that Nazis in the Protec-torate of Bohemia-Moravia were feel-ing "the hand that strikes by night."

#### Likud Is Close to Blowing the Election of Mr. Rabin over his longtime rival,

T EL AVIV — The legendary Brooklyn Democratic leader Hymie Shorenstein used to refer to Franklin Roosevelt as "the Staten Island Ferry." Asked why, he replied:
"You know how when the boat glides into the ferry slip, it drags in all the garbage from the harbor behind it? For the rest of our candidates, FDR is the Staten Island Ferry."

The election in Israel on June 23 centers on one man: Yitzhak Rabin. If the gut issue were settlements on the West Bank, the current prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir, would lead the rightist Likud to victory. By populating the West Bank with Jews, he tells me, "we will make impossible the es-tablishment of a Palestinian state."

Labor's Mr. Rabin, who was prime minister in the '70s, is for the less popular "territorial compromise." He would continue settlements in the Jordan Valley and the southern ap-proaches and suburbs of Jerusalem for security purposes, but says, "I

oppose political settlements."

That opens the door to dealing which counters Likud, is the slippery

slope to a PLO state. That specific issue, paramount in the minds of diplomats and commentators, is not being fought out here. Nor does this campaign pit socialist economics against free markets; Likud can proudly point to a 6 percent growth rate, but it has failed to remove the dead hand of government ownership from the Israeli economy. The scrap is about the comeback of Mr. Rabin. In the television spots just By William Safire

begun, Labor hardly mentions the party or other candidates; instead, Mr. Rabin's exploits as commander of the war 25 years ago are recounted and his familiar visage dominates the screen. Contrariwise, Mr. Shamir is downplayed in many Likud ads; they pic-ture the unpopular Labor candidates and warn that they would run the

country if Mr. Rabin won.
In the street campaign as well, Mr.
Rabin is the issue. He was smeared early for a nervous breakdown decades ago, and — though a genuinely private public man — had to discuss it at length in an interview.

He is also denounced as a drunk (as was Boris Yeltsin); some of his angry supporters responded with an attack on the 76-year-old Shamir as impo-tent, nap-prone and short. America is not the only democracy where campaigns focus below the belt. I like and respect both Yitzhaks.

and as a card-carrying right-wing hawk I am leary of the leftics hiding behind Mr. Rabin. And I don't like the way the Bush administration is trying to influence the election by withholding loan guarantees in hopes of ousting the Shamir government. But 1 think Likud is blowing this election all by itself. The dissension among the triumvirate under Shamir Moshe Arens, Ariel Sharon and David Levy — is something fierce. That unresolved succession is in

sharp contrast to the clear-cut victory

Shimon Peres. I mistakenly went to Labor headquarters, with its old pic-tures of Mr. Peres and halls filled with hacks, to meet Mr. Rabin; it turned out my appointment was at his "personal headquarters," with plain pipe racks and busy young peo-ple bustling about. He is running alone, and other Labor candidates know that Mr. Rabin's comeback is their comeback. "The problem in Israel's political

system," he says, "is that we have no clear-cut decision. We tried to change the system to the direct election of the prime minister, but Liked torpedoed the idea this time. They were afraid of

the verdict of the people."

Over at Mr. Shamir's office, after pointing out that the Rabin popularity "is baseless — he was a failure as prime minister," the short but potent Likudnik revealingly said: "I don't like the American personification, personalization of campaigns. I prefer the other way, where people vote for strategies and principles, not for a man. What is a man? Nothing." In me, that illuminates the basic difference in approach to politics that

leader topping a listless list; Yitzhak Shamir is a principled movement politician on top of a bickering bunch of talented individuals. What is a man? In politics, everything - if he can sail into office like

characterizes this Israeli campaign.

Yitzhak Rabin is a strong individual

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#### **OPINION**

# Message From California: Trouble for Republicans

By Kevin Phillips

cans, not the Democrats. It came in the small but potent package of Ross PeroL His explosive presence makes the old conservative-liberal fights in the Republican Party look harmless, because with California as his launching pad he is dividing — perhaps fatally — the Republican presidential coalition that has controlled the White House for 20 of 24 years. While some 50 percent to 60 per-cent of Republicans back President George Bush, about 30 percent to 45 percent back Mr. Perot, the former Republican insider turned independent.

The last time a third-party candidate split off from the party controlling the White House and ran as an independent - the erstwhile Democrat George Wallace in 1968 — he helped destroy the old New Deal Democratic coalition and create a new Republican presidential majority. Ex-Republican Perot just might wind up doing something similar. A second big message to the White House from California is: Thanks, but no thanks. Mr. Bush's easy win over Pat Buchanan - with no Perot write-ins counted and many Perotistas staying home - was not the real California primary. The real test took place from April 30 and the Los Angeles riots right up to Tuesday. California voters, already displeased with Mr. Bush over the severe local recession, further soured on the president for lack of leadership after the

riots. (Even many conservative Orange County Republicans saw a need for an affirmative approach to urban problems.) As Mr. Bush declined in the polls, Mr. Perot rose: California Republicans divided almost evenly between them, and

N EW YORK — The biggest message the state's voters give the billionaire from California is for the Republi-Bush in a three-way race. Nationally, the president has slid to 35 percent job approval — the lowest of his term. For the first time since national polling began in the f930s, several surveys showed the independent leading the Democratic and Republican candidates.

There is still a big asterisk for Ross Perot - and here, too, a significant part of the message came from the West Coast. In the week before the primaries, his comment that he would not let gays or adulterers serve in his cabinet triggered a negative reaction among California gays and, to a lesser extent, from Hollywood. Polls showed that even Mr. Perot's

supporters disagreed with him, and some sympathizers privately warn that this is just the first surfacing of an offi-cious puritanism that may ruin his chances, Preachy U.S. third-party candidates have usually been confined on the margin: the mid-19th century Free Soilers, for example, and the turn-of-the-century Prohibitionists. This characterization may also apply to the weak 1980 independent candidate, John Anderson. Nevertheless, the historical precedents

for Mr. Perot are becoming more encouraging. In May, analysts began to agree that he was mounting the most serious challenge to Republican-Democratic control of the presidency since Theodore Roosevelt won 27 percent in f912 running on the Bull Moose ticket. Now one can wonder whether Mr. Perot might not be something bigger — the most serious ontside contender since the newly emerging Republican Party of the f850s. Theodore Roosevelt was an ex-president, a politician who had already



made his mark. Mr. Perot is still a growing force. And unlike the three strongest independent contenders of

against weak major-party candidates in a year when unprecedented numbers of Americans think that the country is on the wrong track and that the two major

parties are part of the problem. The fact that Ronald Reagan's campaign manager, Ed Rollins, has just teamed up with Jimmy Carter's campaign manager, Hamilton Jordan, to run

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# Recalling a Betrayal, Over Lunch

WASHINGTON - Diplomatic stories were always hard for me to write. It was the tales of individual people, in their struggles to survive and triumph, that mesmerized me. And so to remember the fall of Saigon the way I wanted to, and needed to, f called my friend Bich for lunch.

We met at a restaurant in Washington's Chinatown. He is older, grayer. Though he is a friend. I had never heard the story of how he got out. After Saigon fell 17 years ago, f had reeled off into my own world — did other things, wrote other stories, buried those feelings some-

For years, I could never write about it, scarcely think about it. People in the office would ask me the meaning of this and that, in a global political sense, and I would draw a blank. What were they talking about? What had happened was of biblical proportions - a vast betrayal, suffering on an unimaginable scale.

Nguyen Ngoc Bieh, now 54, was ehief of overseas information for the Nguyen Van Thieu regime before the North Vietnamese Army rolled into town on April 30, 1975. He is a small, passionate man of immense charm and warmth an honest person, a writer and intellectual who was always more comfortable. sensed, closeted in his study with his beloved translations of Vietnamese poetry than on the front lines of world politics. But he did his duty.

Now he appears in his business suit after a grueling morning at the U.S. De-partment of Education, where he is deputy director of the Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs.

He wears his customary wonderful smile, and it takes me a moment to recall that this quite ordinary-looking man is a member of the extraordinary Nguyen Ngoc family, whose saga stretches from the crumbling Oriental splendor of pre-World War II French Indochina, to SaiBy Phil McCombs

gon's smoky-hot sprawl during the years of the American war, to the suburbs of modern Washington and other U.S. cities where part of the vast Vietnamese diaspora — thought to number 850,000 in the United States alone - has settled.

His older brother Linh, a hard-nosed businessman and wisecracking character if ever there was one, ran a chain of fastfood restaurants in Texas. Another brother, Phach, is still in Australia. where he went after the North Vietnamese victory.

#### MEANWHILE

too horrified at America's abandonment of Vietnam ever to live here. Linh writes in a letter that their mother, now 91, is "still going strong" and has nearly 100 direct descendants, most of

them in this country."
He adds: "Our family is spread all over the country, from the D.C. area to Connecticut, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, California. The second generation has been holding its own, but the third is doing very well and the fourth — American-born — is absolutely smashing,

smart, good-looking and full of promise.
"Some of our third generation have
married Americans, and although all of us -with the exception of the matriarch have mainstreamed quite successfully. we still keep that 'something Vietnamese' which makes for a very interesting blend

within the American melting pot ft is a bright, cool day, and Bich orders us a nice lunch. I look at him, the gray in his hair, his cheeks filled out. It's hard to imagine how he had grown up in that big family in a 19th-century French

neoclassical palace north of Hanoi ringed with granaries, gardens, storage rooms and apartments for hundreds of servants and soldiers; how his father, a powerful Mandarin province chief had clawed his way to the top of the ruling meritocracy that the French overlords had kept intact. When I had known him in Saigon, Bich

had told me his subconscious was crowded with images of imperial majesty — his father, for example, garbed in bright cere-monial colors, seated on a royal pallet in his ornate receiving chamber, glimpsed by the child through a racked array of tridents and other ancient weapons. Then, with the Japanese invasion of

Indochina in 1940, and later the beginning of the war with the French, the family's world crumbled, and the pampered Nguyen Ngoc children came to know fear, imprisonment and starvation.

Bich remembered how the family had

sold off their Hanoi villas for a few tubes of penicillin in a futile effort to save their father from the agony of spinal

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meningitis, and how they had eaten roots they dug from among the corpses. In the early '50s they came South and

flourished in the corrupt swirl of Saigon. Bich was educated at Princetoh, Linh at Bowdoin College in Maine, Phach at the London School of Economics. By the time Saigon fell, their involvement in business and government went wide and deep.

And once again, it all ended. What happened? I asked Bich. What happened after f last saw you that day in your office in Saigon, with the North Vietnamese Army drawing an iron ring around the city?
On April 17, he recounted, President

Thieu sent him to Washington with Gregory Nguyen Tien Hung, the minister of planning to ask for continued U.S. support - a hopeless task, since Congress had already pulled the plug on aid. Bich remembered how they landed at Dulles Airport and were met by Pham Duong Hien, director of the Vietnamese information office in Washington.

And he remembered how the two men got into a terrible shouting match in the airport lobby, with bewildered travelers looking on, over whether the mission was hopeless. And how, when Bich intervened, they looked at one another and broke down weeping, falling into one another's arms.

Bich returned to Vietnam from the failed mission, told the government workers in his care they were free to leave, and fled with a flock of his family members to an island in the South China Sea.

When word came over the radio that Saigon had fallen, they set out in a small boat and were picked up by a commercial ship, It could accommodate 1,080 people, but 7,500 were taken on board. They slept in shifts, shivered or burned as the weather changed, tried to eat the gruel that was mixed crudely in bathtubs on deck, and were thankful for their salvation.

At night, Bich looked out upon what seemed a scene from hell: hundreds of small boats, lit by lanterns, overloaded with desperate refugees, making their way to the ship. When they'd climbed on board, they'd toss torches back on their little boats to burn them and keep them from falling into the hands of the Communist anthorities.

There was one bizarre and almost -- it seemed at the time - humorous scene: a priest in black robe, standing in the prow of a little boat pointing forward as his companions rowed, with his motor scooter by his side. And Bich remembered one bahy girl who almost died of diarrhea, and who is now a college student in California.

"If I close my eyes," he said, "I can still see it all today." So can I. And for what it's worth,

setting aside what scholars and geopoliticians may or may not think, I'll say only this: Vietnam should be free.
As Bich said, "We need to return to our homeland, where we came from, and

where we belong. And we will." The writer covered the fall of Saigon for The Washington Post.

#### On the contrary, he is a centrist whose greatest appeal is in the increasingly dominant Sun Belt. And he is running

the last 75 years — Robert LaFollette (16.5 percent in 1924), George Wallace (13.5 percent in 1965) and John Anderson (6.6 percent in 1980) — the Texan is not a fringe candidate.

the Perot campaign is only further confirmation of the threat. This could be the start of something big.

#### arts of negotiation and compromise. The mass demonstrations of the past

Serbs in Opposition Regarding "Stop the Hand-Wringing, Move Against Serbia" (Opinion, May 22) by William Safire, and "Listen to the Serbs" (Letters to the Editor, May 26) by

I disagree where Mr. Salire and his critic Mr. Mihailovie agree. The Serbs would not fight forever, I am one of the tens of thousands of young Serbs who fled abroad, refusing to fight a savage, aggressive war. My less locky peers are rotting in prisons or hiding, fearing Stalinist generals' firing squads and fascist vigilantes roaming Serbia.

Deian Mihailovic;

This war has been fought by the frightened military and by elderly Communists-turned-nationalists. They had practically no infantry and had to rely on heavy weapoury and pillaging irregulars, which explains the useless military destruction of Vokovar, Du-

brovnik and now Sarajevo. In the West, my friends and I have been disappointed by the operation of ful one. It seems even more shocking

national stereotypes. All Serbs are "fero-cious," Communist and, in Mr. Safire's words, "not oppressed by their own dictator." This probably accounts for the scant coverage of the opposition in Serbia and its courageous peace activists. How can a prisoned "deserters" and opponents of Slobodan Milosevic who have been beat-

The other disappointments have been people like Mr. Mihailovic, Serbians having long resided in democratic countries who still approve official propagan-da myths about Serbs willingly "facing death" and who show indifference to the suffering of others.

SRDJAN PAVLOVIC. Stockholm.

#### The Valor of the Thais

en up or lost their jobs.

The sight of soldiers killing and vounding unarmed men, women and children in Bangkok's streets was a paintgiven the sophisticated nature of Thai culture and its long, proud practice of the

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several months seem out of character with the tolerant Thai image. But after dictator not be oppressive? Ask the im-prisoned "deserters" and opponents of ploited by the amhorities, frustrated and stifled by the interference, ineptness and corruption of a dysfunctional and unrepresentative system, they feel deep resentment, anger and shame.

Today the land of smiles is the land of anguish, of struggle. The people will not be fooled or cowed by the forces that have made them bleed. People will risk their lives for freedom. Vigilance and time will bring them their just reward. JAKE MALONE

It Still Takes Two

Regarding "Dan Quayle's Baby Mis-steps" (May 21):

child-rearing issues took the father's role into consideration. ft does take two people to bring a child into the world. If abortion is banned, we must remember that children are not only a woman's responsibility, but also the father's, as Vice President Dan Quayle stated.

**Catholics and Birth Control** 

ELIZABETH NICOLOSL

In response to the report "Anglican Leader Challenges Vatican Stand on Birth Control" (May 19):

The Catholic Church fully agrees and officially teaches that "sex is a gift from God" and "an expression of relation-ship, a gift of love." By no means does it teach that the only purpose of sexual intercourse is procreation. Indeed, the inseparable unity of love and procreation is precisely one of the main rea-sons Catholicism teaches that artificial birth control is not morally right. Those

are subscribing to a dualism that separates the acts of the spirit from those of the body. Catholicism insists on wholism. With regard to the claim that Catholie teaching is "contributing to a population explosion," one must realize that overpopulation is greatest in Asia, which has less than 3 percent Catholics, and that even in a Western "Catholie country" like Italy the problem is having too low a hirthrate. In fact, the vast majority of Catholics do not heed the Church's teach-

ing in this regard. The Catholie Church recognizes the need for responsible population control. It is a very complex issue, but two points are especially noteworthy: The Catholic Church fully promotes natural family planning methods and sup-ports development of societies to have a better standard of living (with full respect for human rights and the dignity of each person). In developed countries there is no overpopulation. BROTHER NICHOLAS J. HARDING.

## It is about time that abortion and . who defend such forms of birth control

### GENERAL NEWS

## Skulls Found in China Cast Doubt on Theory Of an 'Eve' in Africa

By Boyce Rensberger

WASHINGTON - Two ancient human skulls found recently in China are lending support to a new theory of how anatomically new theory of how anatomically modern human heings evolved from earlier hominids. The theory challenges the "Eve" hypothesis that all living people are descended from one woman who lived in Africa 200,000 years ago.

The skulls also may help to explain the origin of modern Asians, Africans and Europeans.

Africans and Europeans. Africans and Europeans.

The discoveries, reported Thursday in the journal Nature, support the view that modern Chinese and other so-called Mongoloid peoples can trace their ancestry to prehistration of the prehistratio can trace their ancestry to prema-toric humans who had been living in Asia continuously for perhaps ! million years, and to interpreeding with people who migrated from other parts of the world.

Similarly, modern Africans and Europeans and their descendants worldwide may be able to trace their origins to peoples living in their homelands long before the time of the purported "Eve" but also interbreeding with immigrants

from the other continents. "Eve" is the nickname given to a hypothetical African woman who, according to one widely publicized theory, was said to be the maternal ancestor of all living humans. That interpretation was based on studies of a special kind of DNA found in

the cells of all people. Molecular biologists looked at the differences in this "mitochondrial DNA," inherited only from mothers, among a large number of people worldwide. They concluded that the differences were the result of mutations that had accumulated over about 200,000 years in a single

#### 5 More Found Guilty In East Timor Killings

Agence France-Presse JAKARTA — Courts-martial in Bali have sentenced five more soldiers to terms of f2 to 18 months for disobedience and misconduct in the killing or more than 50 demonstrators in East Timor last November, Indonesian newspapers re-ported Thursday. Three were

sentenced earlier. Five East Timor civilians have been sentenced to terms of 6 months to 10 years for anti-Indonesian activities related to the No-vember disturbances, and 7 others

on by one woman. From the cur-rent distribution of DNA differences around the world, they also concluded that Africa was the

woman's home.

The Eve story supported what came to be known as the "out of Africa" hypothesis, namely that all modern people are Eve's descendants who migrated through Arabia to populate Asia and Europe, replacing a more primitive species of human, *Homo erectus*, that had spread from Africa perhaps 1 million years ago.

A long-standing predecessor of that "replacement" theory was the "regional continuity" theory. ft suggested that after Homo erectus, who originated in Africa, spread into the other two continents, he continued to evolve separately in each, giving rise to the African, Asian and European peoples.

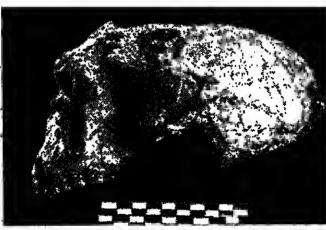
Modern anatomic and genetic studies, however, have shown that these groups are so similar that it is highly implausible that they could have been separated for as long as this theory requires. Instead, there had to have been considerable interbreeding, or "gene flow," among the three populations.

The newly found Chinese skulls are significant because they contain a mixture of Homo erectus and Homo sapiens features in individuals who lived long before Eve. The skulls are thought to be between 350,000 and 400,000 years old. The

mixture suggests that erectus evolved into supiens in Asia. Moreover, the skulls have the high, forward-facing cheekbones typical of living Asians, which suggests that the Asiatic form of hyperstate the Asiatic form of hyperstate that the Asiatic form of hyperstate that the Asiatic form of hyperstate the Asiatic form of hyperstate that the Asiatic form of hyperstate the Asiatic form of hyperstate that the Asiatic form of hyperstate that the Asiatic form of hyperstate the hyperstate the Asiatic form of hyperstate the hyperstate gests that the Asiatic form of hu-man began developing its distinc-tive features in Asia long before any Five lived. But similarly transitional fossils

suggesting that erectus evolved gradually into sapiens with no clear dividing line have long been known from Europe and Africa. Therefore, the new finds do not suggest that Homo sopiens arose only in

The evidence suggests that no one region of the world is the exclusive area from which modern humans evolved," said Dennis A. Etter, a paleoanthropologist at the University of California at Berkeley. Mr. Etter published the analysis of the skulls along with their discoverer, Li Tianyuan of the Hubei Institute of Archaeology in Wuhan. Mr. Li found the somewhat crushed fossils in 1989 and 1990 in Hubei Province in central China.





The skulls contain *Homo erectus* and *Homo sapiens* features. They may explain the origin of Asians, Africans and Europeans.

### **ASIAN TOPICS**

**Help for Ex-Mobsters** In Toeing the Line

Help is at hand for Japa gangsters trying to knuckle down to a new life, Reuters reports from Tokyo. A surgeon is offering to rebuild with toes the fingers that gangsters ritually sever to prove their loyalty to the mob. Some gangsters, or ya-kuza, could not find honest jobs because of their deformities, according to a police spokesman in Kanagawa, an industrial sub-urb of Yokohama.

The surgeon, whose name was withheld to shield him from reprisals, said be had performed scores of finger-replacement operations, including some on gangsters. He amputates one of the penitent criminal's toes and grafts it onto the stump of the severed linger. He says that afnerves and blood vessels, the patient should regain some digital movement. Yakuza have heen going

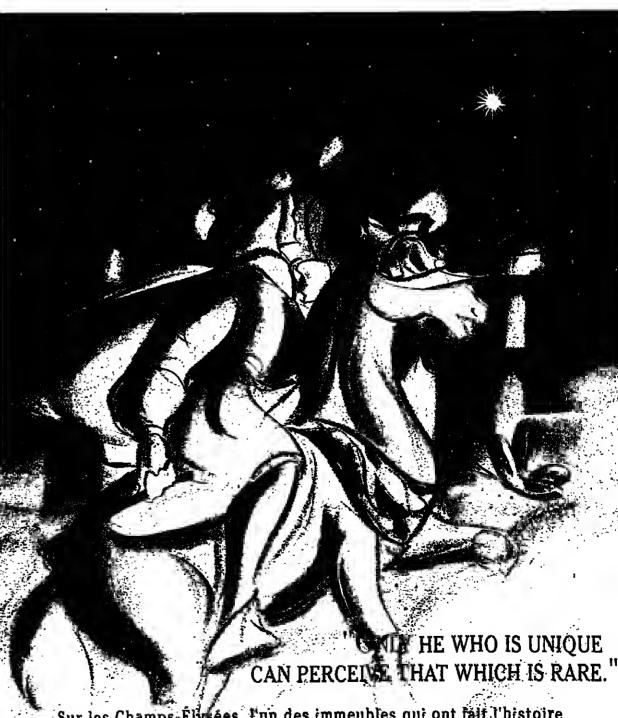
straight in increasing numbers since March, when a new law took effect that gives police and local authorities more power to fight organized crime. Japan has about 3,300 gangs with a total membership of

90,000. They engage mostly in illegal gambling, drug trafficking, prostrution and extortion.

9,200 yuan? Rats! Local police in the coastal province of Zhejiang discovered that a rat with expensive tastes had taken the 100-yuan notes to line his nest. A Beijing newspaper, Renmin Gongan Bao, said that Mr. Chen's hiding place for his sav-ings of 9,200 yuan (\$1,680) was a crevice in the brick wall of his house. The police found no signs of a break-in, but they did find a rat's nest a few feet away lined with cash. All the money

was recovered.

Arthur Highee



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### EC: It'll Go Ahead Anyway on Pact

 (Continued from page 1) mean the end of the country's stable currency, the Deutsche mark. and Germany's states are also demanding a greater role in Commu-

Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany pressed unsuccessfully at Maastricht for greater powers for the elected European Parliament, to exercise more control over the unelected powerful executive, the EC Commission, in Brussels.

- Hostility to the EC Commission and its president, Jacques Delors, is high in Britain, where 100 members of Prime Minister John Major's Conservative Party on Wednesday supported a parliamentary motion calling for a rethinking of government policy on the treaty.

Mr. Major announced on Wednesday that the ratification process would be temporarily suspended because of the Danish deci-

The Portuguese foreign minister, João de Deus Pinheiro, said that EC business would proceed normally at the summit meeting that his government will host in Lisbon

Britain is to take over the Com-munity's rotating presidency from Portugal in July, and Mr. Major intends then to urge quick progress

in the enlargement of the Commu-

Sweden, Anstria, and Finland have applied, Switzerland has said it would soon, and Norway is expected to make a decision this fall.

Norwegians were somewhat

amused to find themselves hosting

a crisis meeting of the Community before they had even decided whether to join. Pojand, Czechoslovakia, and

Hungary also want to become members, around the end of the decade or earlier if possible.

-CRAIG'R. WHITNEY

#### Despite Oxford Protest, A College to Admit Men

The Associated Press

OXFORD, England — Somer-ville College said Thursday that it would admit men in 1995 after the university chancellor overruled stu-The decision would leave St. Hil-

da's as the last women-only college among the 26 at Oxford. In a ballot, more than 86 percent of the 336 undergraduate and 86 graduate students at the college, which was founded in 1879, voted to fight the



Foreign Ministers João de Deus Pinheiro of Portugal, left, and Uffe Ellemann-Jensen of Denmark, conferring prior to the emergency session Thursday in Oslo on the treaty on European union.

# NATO: Alliance Offers New Peacekeeping Support

(Continued from page 1) called on all states to provide hu-

manitarian assistance. Mr. Eagleburger, who attended the NATO session because Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d was attending his 40th reunion at Princeton, repeated the tone and substance of remarks that Mr. Baker had made about the situation in the Balkans at a meeting in Lisbon

NATO, he said, "must now become effective in helping resolve peacefully the different but multiple conflicts which threaten European stability in the post-Cold War era." He said the alliance should provide military assets for peace-keeping operations that might military intervened we must fight eventually be decided on by the to the last man. security conference.

"Let me make clear in this respect that the United States is prepared to make essential contribu-

tions, such as lift and logistics, to peacekeeping operations," he said. The United Nations and the Western European Union, the milimity's efforts to huild a European cover it was wrong and he was defense network, could also pro-vide resources for such missions, as In could former Soviet countries.

"We had the impression that the American side strongly supported sanctions, not excluding military

burger in Bonn earlier this week.

"He told me that he thought American public opinion would be unlikely to support the sending of U.S. ground troops to Yugoslavia."

action, but that practically that is still hardly thinkable," said the plan to meet Friday with representatives of the former Soviet states Kinkel, who met with Mr. Eagle to discuss other security issues. On Thursday, they urged Russia and the Baltic states to complete an agreement quickly on the status of former Soviet forces on Baltic terri-

# BELGRADE: The Stress of War

(Continued from page 1) overthrow" of the Yugoslav gov-

The commanding general of the air force said that if the American

President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia — whom the West has singled out as chiefly responsible for provoking factional war amid the ruins of the old six-republic Yugo-slav federation — proclaimed that UN trade sanctions aimed primarily at his regime would not last long tary arm of the European Commu- and that the world would soon dis-

> In the meantime, gasoline and cigarette prices here doubled, hyperinflation clicked away at 3 per-cent a day, Yugoslav assets abroad were seized, the highly regarded Yugoslav soccer team was booted out of Sweden, Belgrade airport was shut down and hundreds of eargo-laden Yugoslav trucks bound for foreign cities were turned back at the Hungarian bor-

Perhaps most painfully for tradi-tionally proud and defiant people, the 10.5 million citizens are being forced to think that the rest of the world may be right.

"Our most damaging problem is not wanting to think," said Dr. Ra-kic, the child psychiatrist. "We are so overwhelmed with information that is not true or is too terrible to imagine. We would rather not think

Here in Belgrade, which has been untouched by a year of savage vio-lence that has flattened scores of other cities in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, the parish status is revealing deep social divisions.

The split runs between young and old, between young professionals worried about the future and pensioners obsessed with the past, between those who feel guilty about recent Serb atrocities in Bosnia and Croatia and those who are still aggrieved by wrongs commit-ted against Serbs over the last five

Evidence of the split is everywhere. Most of those who voted in parliamentary elections here last weekend had gray hair. They called themselves patriots and "proud Serbs" and said they gave no credence to foreign and opposition charges that the election was nigged to legitimize Mr. Milosevic's pow-

An election boycott drew support mostly from the young, and it was the young — nearly 50,000 of them — who turned out in Belgrade on Sunday for a demonstra-tion that demanded Mr. Milosevic step down.

"Whatever the world is doing to us, we deserve it," said Vlada Obric, 24, a graduate student in engineering at Belgrade University.
Serbian society is in the grip of a "mass hypnosis" created by the Milosevic-controlled state media, said Mr. Obric, who added that he

to be spilled in Belgrade to overthrow Mr. Milosevic and that the Serbian leader's fall would come the moment students stormed the television station and deprive him

of his "only salvation." Milan Trikic, 66, a pensioner, has figured out the whys and wher-efores of the UN sanctions through the lessons of Serbian history. Germany, Hungary and Austria were Serbia's enemies in World Wars I

these days is being created by the powerful nations, just as it has always been. Germany is working with the United States. Russia is no

longer strong."

Echoing the same analysis of the sanctions that is carried by Belgrade television, Mr. Trikic said that the United States and Germany were determined to overthrow Mr. Milosevic and "bring obedient

what is soon going to happen in



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ers are mental slaves," he said. "It Prince Faisal, who later became is hard for them to mix in society. king, took over Assir Province, With a population of about 13.

everything is good.'
"But this is because of a sense of having done something wrong in a previous birth. In their whole lifetime, they have never come across anyone who actively helped them. No one. So building up trust with them is a serious problem."

With money from private do-nors, he bought a small piece of land on the outskirts of Ibrahim-

working full time to free laborers from servitude, mostly by trying to get court orders enforced. And every three months, his colleagues was "nauseated" by a nation that is capable of justifying to itself the indiscriminate shelling of civilian populations by Serb militia forces.

Mr. Obric said blood would have Sweden.

and II, and now they champion the anctions, he said.

The new order in the world

leadership here."
"This," he declared, "is a test of

# VOTERS: U.S. Politics in Chaos

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dale, which was one turn in the downward spiral of the Democratic Party. "The issue is how do they realign to get back on the ascent, or are we witnessing the start of a third party movement? I don't

think we have the answer to that." Eight years ago, Lee Atwater, then a rising Republican strategist, calculated that any candidate with severely wounded, and if public ning a plurality in the three-way aversion to a candidate broke 40 contest. percent, the wound was virtually

certain to be fatal. In this election, as politics and politicians have fallen to new lows on public barometers, Mr. Bush and Mr. Clinton are viewed negatively by 40 percent or more of the voters in their own parties in California, and by overwhelming ma-

iorities in the opposition party. Mr. Perot, in turn, is not in much better shape, viewed negatively by more than 45 percent of California Democrats who voted on Tuesday. and by nearly 35 percent of Cali-fornia Republican voters.

#### assumptions and calculations in the 1992 election.

Take, for example, state-by-state predictions of probable winners. In a two-person, two-party contest, Mr. Bush would be considered likely to carry Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi, the poll-taker Harrison Hickman noted. With Mr. Perot in the race, Mr. Clinton's

strong base of support among black and Hispanic voters gives Conversely, the opposite is true in such Democratic-leaning states as Massachusetts, Maryland and

Pennsylvania, where Mr. Perot would likely split the anti-Bush vote, giving the incumbent president a better shot in these mid-Atlantic and Northeast states. One of the victims of the 1992

election, according to a number of analysts, is the trend that appeared to be favoring the emergence of a steadily growing Republican Party. The rise in Republican identification seems to have bit the dust," said Martin Wattenberg, a political scientist at the University of Cali-Mr. Perot changes many basic fornia at Irvine.

## SLAVES: India Business as Usual

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generations. My father was bonded inbor and also my grandfather. I worked on a rice field in Chaunaurdiha village." That is in Madhya Pradesh in central India.

"I was never paid any wages," he added. "I was just given some food. I was released three months ago by the Supreme Court."

But freedom alone is not enough for men like Mr. Kandoi. "We realized that here was a problem of looking after these people, otherwise they would go back to being bonded laborers." Mr. Satyarthi said. "We found out that government of the said." ment officials were absolutely reluctant to help bonded laborers.

So last year he formed what he calls Mukti Ashram, or Liberation roots in tribal and territorial dis-Retreat, where he works with former bonded laborers. "People who are bonded labor-

They feel themselves very inferior. They feel the burden of being casteess. They have no way of earning a living. They have no idea what to do with money. And they are afraid of everyone. If you ask them what their conditions are, they say, 'Oh,

pur. He hired a tailor, carpenter, weaver, iron worker and mason to teach trades to the laborers, a counselor to help with their adjustment problems and a cook to feed them. He has 100 people around India

send 50 to 60 laborers to Mukti

Ashram for training. Despite the efforts of his ashram, and the injunctions of the law, the ranks of bonded laborers continue to grow, Mr. Satyarthi said. "We have liberated about 5,000 children in the last 10 years. But in the last 10 years, about 100,000 children have come into the industry."

# Saudi Ultimatum

(Continued from page 1) tween the two countries has revived

putes going back to the early '30s. The two countries then fought a border war, and tribes led by king, took over Assir Province, which some Yemenis still claim.

million, as compared to Saudi Ara-bia's much wealthier 8 million to 10 million, Yemen could, if its economic situation ever improved, become a challenger to the Sandi dominance of the Arabian Penin-Before the Gulf crisis, Yemen

joined Iraq, Jordan and Egypt in forming the Arab Cooperation. Council, a regional alliance that was created to balance, and in the Saudi view encircle, the Gulf Coopcration Council. The latter group is headed by the Saudis in alliance with Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates. Qatar, Bahrain and

Several of the oil companies involved swiftly responded by freezing or ending their activities in Yemen, although at least one company, Hunt Oil Co. of the United States, appears to have politely rejected the Saudi warning.

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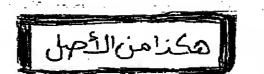
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Vaclay Klaus, head of the Civic Democratic Union, got scant attention from two Prague residents waiting Thursday for a bus.

# 80 Parties Vie for Czechoslovaks' Votes

By William E. Schmidt New York Times Service

BRNO. Czechoslovakia - The rally was supposed to be a rousing send-off for candidates running on the Civic Movement ticket, the political party that is direct heir of the popular front that forced Czechoslovakia's Comm

government to give up power in 1989. But fewer than 300 people were huddled under umbrellas in a rain-soaked square in this city, at the very center of the country, watching and listening while the party's speakers cajoled passers-by to choose them when they go the polls on Friday and Saturday, in Czechoslovakia's second free parliamentary election since the so-called Velvet Revolution.

Barely three years ago, the Civic Forum, as the democratic front was then called, used to draw bundreds of thousands of people to rallies demanding free elections and the end of Communist rule, and its candidates won more than half the votes in the first parliamentary ballot in

But public opinion polls suggest that the Civic Movement, as the front is now called, will be fortunate to get more than 7 percent of the vote this time, drowned out by a growing babinterest groups.

Both the Civic Forum and its Slovak country

part, People Against Violence, have splintered since 1990 into myriad parties whose pleas have not just exhausted and bewildered many voters, but virtually assured Czechoslovakia of parlia-

With dozens of parties and hundreds of candidates crowding ballots for the federal legislature, as well as the separate Czech and Slovak republic legislatures, some Czechoslovak voters are wondering if there can be such a thing as too

much democracy. At last count, there are more than 80 parties competing for the ballot in the Czech republic and oeighboring Slovakia.

Among other causes, they have assembled to advocate the interests of Communists and former Communists, gypsies and beer drinkers, Slovak nationalists and pro-Europe democrats, monetarists and mothers.

Under Czechoslovak law, any party that fails to get at least 5 percent of the vote will be ent off from legislature seats.

Still, it is possible it will take weeks of negotiations, once the votes are counted this weekend. to assemble the governing coalition.

Matisek Gustav, an adviser to the Civic Democratic Union in Slovakia, the party that emerged as the political arm of People Against Violence, said he was disappointed by the fragmentation but not surprised.

In the 1990 elections, candidates for People Against Violence won a third of the vote in

Polls suggest that the Civic Democratic Union, the new name the front adopted only a few months ago, may not even win enough votes

In Slovakia, People Against Violence has begot two more separate Christian Democratic, parties and the Movement for Democratic Slovakia, which has settled on the more prosperous Czech republic as its enemy.

The Movement is running far ahead in public opinion polls, and in emotional campaign speeches, Vladimir Meciar, a former Comminist and one of the main Movement proponents, has east the election as a kind of referendum on whether Slovakia ought to dissolve or

loosen its federal ties to Prague, and go its own

In the Czech republic, where the economy is far more buoyant and political sympathics much more tilted toward the West, the old Civic-Forum has spun off parties and political leaders more inclined toward economic reform and a strong anti-Communism

The most powerful by far is Vaclav Klaus, an unyielding advocate of economic reform who, like Mr. Meciar, has a vast following, particularly among young people, who are drawn by his forceful, even imperious, style.

While most rallies attract, at most, a few hundred faithful, Mr. Klaus drew more than 6,000 to a stadium outside Bratislava on Tues-

Dusan Dorotin, the vice chairman of the Party of the Democratic Left, which is made upof former Communists and running second in Slovakia polls, said voters were confused, and as a result were often drawn to the most forceful-

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# Sweden, Its Eye on EC, **Vows Full Security Role** And End to Neutrality

By Joseph Fitchett

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PARIS—Formally pledging full security cooperation if Sweden is admitted to the European Commu-nity, Defense Minister Anders Bjorck said Thursday that his country's neutrality amounted to "stone tablets that have now been broken" beyond repair.

Spelling out a new Swedish ap-proach more compatible with other West European countries' views, Mr. Bjorck said that Sweden would gradually expand its military involvement with its Western neighbors in step with closer economic and political ties.

Swedish political leaders generally, and not just his own conservative government, have reached a . consensus on abandoning the country's traditional neutrality as the price of membership in the minity, Mr. Bjorck said.

But the process will be gradual. Sweden plans to increase its mil-tary spending — bucking the trend toward shrinking budgets else-where — so that it can modernize its own defenses, safeguard its de-fense industries and thus continue to stay out of military alliances such as NATO. The nation has an armed force of about 65,000 and

an mobilize 725.000. Mr. Bjorck said that Swe planned to "remain neutral in the event of war in our vicinity," but nonetheless expected to move steadily closer through the 1990s toward full participation in Euro-pean defense activities.

Addressing the Western European Union, he emphasized that Sweden was ready to accept all the obligations in the EC blueprint set by the Maastricht summit meeting and just rejected by Danish vot-

He made it plain, for example, that EC membership for Sweden — which could come as early as 1995 — would immediately prompt Stockholm to seek a full role in the Western European Union, the de-

Like neutral Ireland, Denmark unofficially declined, even before the referendum outcome, to take the step after Maastricht of adhering to the Western Enropean

Suggesting that Danes may have become indifferent to security ises now that the Cold War is over Mr. Bjorck said that the Swedish itment was to an "ideological" vision of Europe as a fullfledged world power, not to a mer-cantilist concept of a European free-trade zone.

Urging EC governments to stick to the 1995 timetable for Swedish entry, Mr. Bjorck said that in Sweden "yes-sayers will be mobilized," including the strongly pro-EC busi-ness and political elites, before a 1994 referendum on the question.

gional crises, such as the one in rugoslavia, on its owo. noped EC military cooperation will not develop in a way that will undermine the role played by the

tary muscle to handle future re-

United States in our part of the world," because Sweden still faced Unidentified submarines sumably Russian — have resp-

peared in Swedish waters for the first time in months, after speculation that such activity had ceased permanently. Stockholm's concern to avoid

alarming Moscow is evident in Swedish reluctance to give military aid to the Baltic republics, where Russian forces remain, or to ex-plore links with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The government set up an independent panel last week to investigate allegations of extensive cover Swedish cooperation with NATO during the Cold War.

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# Russia Moves to Curb Easy Border Crossings

By Michael Dobbs

MOSCOW - In a new setback to hopes for creating a free trade zone on the ruins of the former 15republic Soviet Union, Russia announced Thursday that it would introduce formal border controls with five neighbors, including

President Boris N. Yeltsin said at a cabinet meeting that Russia would establish its own border gnards, subordinate to the Ministry of Security, the successor to the KGB security police.

Up to now, border controls between the former Soviet republics have been largely symbolic, despite the collapse of the Soviet Union in Apart from Ukraine, which had

been united with Russia for more than three centuries, frontiers will also be established with Azerbaijan and the Baltic states of Lithmania, Latvia and Estonia.

Tass said that customs points would be set up on the border with Georgia. There are no immediate plans for a formal frontier with the Muslim republics of Central Asia. In recent speeches, Mr. Yeltsin complained about the "permeability" of the frontiers of the 11-mem-

dent States and the relaxation of It has become a comparatively simple matter for foreigners to enter Ukraine, the Baltic states or Azerbaijan without a visa and then go on to travel freely around Rus-

ber Commonwealth of Indepen-

The announcement on the creation of a Russian state frontier coincided with a toughening in Moscow's stand on military negotiations with other republics. Over the last few days, the new Russian

has warned several republics not to "provoke" Russian troops stationed on their territory. Tass quoted Mr. Grachev as say

under increasing pressure in the three Baltic states and the western republic of Moldova and had been

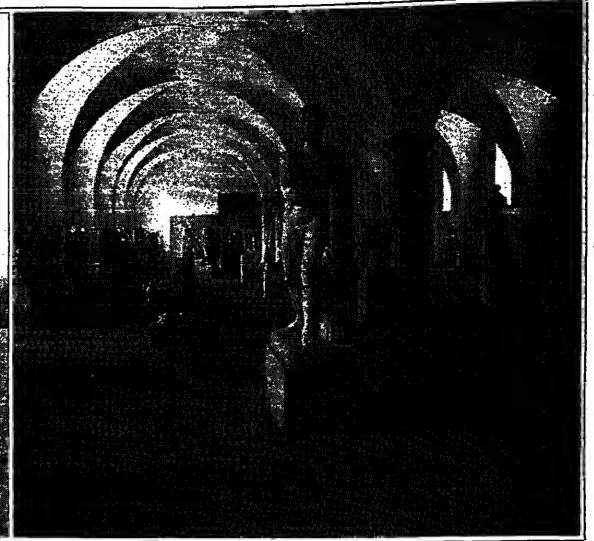
Mr. Grachev said that the 14th Russian Army, which is stationed in Moldova, might abandon its neutrality in the conflict between the Moldovan authorities and Rus sian-speaking secessionists

president, Vytautas Landsbergis published in Moscow on Thursday Mr. Grachev said that "all possible means" would be used to guarantee the "honor and interests" of Russian soldiers stationed in the reput

All three Baltic republics are now accusing Moscow of dragging its feet on negotiations on the pull-back of 130,000 troops from the region. Russian leaders want to delay the withdrawal of the troops until at least 1994 because of the lack of housing in Russia.

"The Baltic states do not under stand that we cannot simply pull out our servicemen and put them in tents," General Dmitri Volkogonov, a senior military adviser to Mr. Yeltsin, said in an interview this week. "This goes beyond our possibilities. We call on Baltic leaders to show some common sense."

According to General Volko-gonov, 195,000 officers are already without housing in Russia. He and other military leaders have expressed fears that a hasty with drawal from the Baltic states could lead to an explosion of discontent within the military, endangering the course of reform.



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By Marc Fisher Voshington Post Service

RESDEN, Germany — This city of open wounds is a victim of history, where firebombing and dictatorship conspired against centuries of spectacular achievement to produce a heartbreaking landscape. Dresden is crawling out of the fog of 40 years of com-munism, aching to show off its stunning Baroque palaces, its Green Vault of royal jewels, its breathtaking Semper Opera House.

Street names are changing: The Street of Liberation is now Main Street. New stores and cafés open almost daily. The cupolas of palaces still gutted and charred by World War II bombs now boast copper hats that sparkle in the spring sun.

Alas, Dresden is also a city of only a handful of hotels, a smattering of restaurants and a tourism infrastructure that was barely sufficient for East bloc travelers, and is downright daunting to the waves of Western visitors now exploring central and eastern

Europe.
Luckily, however, the Elbe River flows through the center of Dresden, where four long, white ships have laid anchor to serve as temporary hotels, a bit of the West in the East. Complete with Western managers, menus and methods, the ships are designed to bridge the gap between tourists' expecta-tions and the still-socialist structure of daily

life in formerly East bloc cities. These cities needed only a few hotels under communism - rooms enough to house visiting party dignitaries and the occasional Western business delegation. Tourists who could afford anything more than a room in someone's apartment were rare. And despite the city's desire to lure tourists, construction is not likely to begin soon on the nearly 30 hotels planned for Dresden.

With millions of claims on Eastern German property already filed by Western Germans. Jews and others who saw their land and buildings nationalized by the Nazi and Communist governments, hotel companies are loath to break ground until the legal situation sorts itself out. And the few hotels that do exist are often filled by the cellularphone crowd, the Western business people working on new investments here.

That leaves the boats. They, too, have their share of the Germans, Italians and French who carry a briefcase in one hand and their cellular in the other - about 80

percent of the guests on the Köln-Dussel-dorfer Line's Elbresidenz, for example, are

But tourist traffic is rising, and the ship is an easy, if artificial, way of seeing Dresden without experiencing the hardships of life under socialism. It's also terrifically located, within easy walking distance of the palaces

I've stayed in private homes in Dresden, in the fancy hotels the Communists built for party functionaries and aboard the Elbresi-denz, and the ship is by far the most comfortable of the three.

The rooms are small, but they are welligned, reasonably attractive and quiet. The food on board is nothing special, but in part of Germany where finding anything but bratwurst or pork cutlets on restaurant menus is a cause for celebration, the ship fare is a relief.

Still, there is something discomfiting about sitting on the Elbresidenz deck, staring across the water at the same skyline that appears in masterworks by Canaletto and sellotto. Dresden is an unusually good walking town for a city redesigned by Commu-nists who favored boulevards perfect for military parades. And a long walk around the historic downtown and over to the upand-coming Neustadt section provides contrast stark enough to make ship life seem somehow a bit too cushy.

Dresden's downtown shops and attractions are being renovated with remarkable speed, but just a few blocks away, the city remains deeply scarred. Everywhere there is evidence of the war and the failed system that came next.

The central square, where the once-magnificent Church of Our Lady is a 100-foothigh (30-meter) pile of rubble, is still a starthing and moving remembrance of the 1945 firebombing. Apartment building facades are pocked by pollution damage and crumbing from neglect. The brown coal that the locals shovel into tile stoves to heat their homes deposits a thin layer of grit along all the streets and sidewalks.

UT even here, the new life is evident. Along the Luisenstrasse, small signs point the way into apartment-house courtyards, toward basement cases and art galleries where Dresden's young people debate the attri-butes of socialism and capitalism.

The Planned Economy, tucked away in a rear courtward of a residential building, is a typical Neustadt cafe. The mean offers dozens of teas, as well as the usual Eastern German selection of canned salads and sausages. But there is a spirit about the crowd here, people who have helped create a homey feeling in an environment of gray and grit.

Dresden is a place you go to see ruins and riches, all of them relics of historic extremes, the lavish excess of the Saxon electors and princes, the rage of the British and American strategists who sent bombers to destroy the morale of German citizens in the final months of World War II.

But the most striking thing about Dresden is its attempt to create some kind of normalcy, to hold its own against the latest invader, the Western Germans bent on remaking Eastern Germany in their own image. The Western German chain stores are here, unstoppable and for the most part welcome.

Unfortunately, the Western arrogance is also here, in the form of Western managers who mistrust Eastern talents and instead insist on importing their top staff from the

Some Easterners are fighting a rear-guard action, hoping to retain some of the open-ness and informality that had developed in their long years of isolation, and cafés such as the Planned Economy are good windows onto that renegade effort.

So are the galleries, which bill themselves as alternatives to the capitalist vision. Nestler Design (Loschwitzer Strasse 58), for example, offers unusual objects designed for customers fed up with the "throwaway society."

Dresden's cultural offerings are still strugsplendid opera house, completely rebuilt in one of the Communist government's most extravagant and best renovations, is a wonder to see, but tickets are extremely difficult to come by. A contemporary music festival will take place Oct. 1-11. And the sunning Zwinger Gallery, the city's Baroque jewel, will reopen in late November after a thorough renovation.

When the sun shines and the pollution cases, Dresden and the Elbe still retain the power to transport a visitor to the distant past. The "White Fleet," the collection of paddle steamboats that the city claims is the world's largest, make journeys from Dresden up into the mountains of the Saxon Switzerland and on to Czechoslovakia or downstream to the porcelain capital of Mcissen.

# Bangkok, the New Left Bank

By Andrew Ranard

ANGKOK - Christopher Moore chooses the place, a coffee shop in the Landmark Hotel & Plaza, one of Bangkok's gittering palaces of prosperity on the traffic-choked Sukhumvit Road. The coffee shop bears the environmentally prescient name the Greenhouse, but outside Bangkok's air is a poisonous miasma of exhaust fumes. Boom and bust, glut and poverty, everywhere in Bangkok. Upstairs in the Landmark's Atrium a lav-

ish feast is laid out for the remarkable price of \$12. Around the corner from the plaza is Soi Nana, one of Bangkok's gaudy islands of blaring go-go bars, massage parlors and cheap guesthouses for Westerners passing

through on a shoesting.

Almost everywhere in the City of Angels, as Bangkok is known, there are foreigners: Japanese businessmen (and yakuza) living in mansions with servants; Africans dealing gems; holidaying Singaporeans and Arabs; Indian merchants, and American backpackers searching for a flash of Oriental enlight-

This is the world that Christopher Moore and another expatriate novelist, Collin Piprell, have chosen as their literary chest of drawers. Moore, 42, a Canadian in Bangkok since 1988, has thus far outproduced his rival -five books in four years published by White Lotus Co. of Bangkok. The first of these books, "Enemies of Memory," was a novel, set in contemporary times, about the notori-ous Japanese 731 Unit in Manchuria during World War II that conducted medical experiments on prisoners of war. The four books that followed were about Thailand. One. "Heart Talk" (1992), is a lexicon of expressions in Thai that use the word jai, meaning "heart." The three others in Moore's mushrooming Thai ocuvre are novels.

The novels pack a lot of punch. In "A Killing Smile" (1991) and "A Beguiling Smile" (1992), Moore's antiheroes are expatriates — dreamers, con artists, conjurers, op-portunists, addled mystics and dead-end failures. In "Spirit House" (1992), a departure, his protagonist is a pistol-packing, Brooklynborn private eye, cashiered from the N.Y.P.D., now based in Bangkok, who leaves dead bodies in his wake as he follows a drug smuggling, stock-market trail through the subsois, the back alleys, of Bangkok's slums and sex warrens. All Moore's characters are similar in one sense: They are romantics, grasping at second straws. Why, I ask Moore, does Southeast Asia attract such types?

OORE, a tall, lanky, darkhaired man in jeans, has a wisp of the Ivy League chronicling the wild side. He answers, with what you could call a "killing smile": "May-be a definition of a romantic is someone who thinks it possible to reshape or reform your life. Romantics are attached to tolerant cultures. . . . One thing about Thailand is that it is an extremely free place to work, proba-

bly the most tolerant in the region."

Thus far, Moore's reputation has reached only as far as Japan. But he's irrepressible. He continues with that "killing smile": Whatever the 21st century holds, it's going to come out of these kinds of places — these megacities like Bangkok, L. A., Tokyo, Mexico City. The greatest thing about Thailand, about Bangkok, is here is a city of 10 million, and nobody has done anything on it. From the writer's point of view, it hasn't been written about, like New York City. It was interesting to find a whole new set of metaphors that you could tap into."

In Bangkok there's a circle of about "two dozen people who turn up at parties," he says

"very productive people" — like Piprell;
the nonfiction writers William Warren and
Steve Van Beck; David Butler, the author of "The Fall of Saigon," and Bertil Limmer, a Burma expert who is working on a MacArthur Foundation research and writing grant.

"In Bangkok there's an interplay between foreign residents and visitors and the Thai community," Moore says. And who turns up from abroad? Oliver Stone, maybe, or Gore Vidal, he says. "Bangkok's the kind of place where you go to dinner, and at the table you've got a Thai architect with the ambassador from Portugal, Spain or Canada, with someone who is a well-known foreign correspondent who has spent some time in jail in China under the Red Guard, along with

people involved in the jewel business."

This is rich material for writers, Moore's work doesn't flinch from cultural detail or complex social analysis. He takes chances. lots of them: His descriptions of bar life in "A Killing Smile" are raw and unsettling. A major question is whether the depth in his material — and his naked lunch realities can appeal to English readers abroad. Moore



published one novel in the United States before coming to Thailand ("His Lordship's Arsenal") and has written screenplays for Canadian and Japanese television. A U.S. agent is now pushing his work in America,

and Moore is working up script ideas.

Piprell is also Canadian and looking to break out. He is the author of a book of loosely linked short stories, "Bangkok Knights" (1989), and a novel, "Kicking Dogs" (1991), both published by D.K. Printing in Bangkok. He has the wandering expaniate's hired-gun resume: Canadian infantry officer codes: politics and philosophy. Ox officer cadet; politics and philosophy, Ox-ford; English teacher, Kuwait; miner, Ontario and Quebec; lecturer, Thammasat University, Bangkok; free-lance journalist with some 150 articles to his credit. Currently he is an editor at Bangkok Airways' flight mag-azine and "Phuket Magazine."

Piprell's angle, like Moore's, is Thailand's acid extremes, with a lot of tongue-in-cheel humor. "Bangkok Knights" is filled with crazy adventurers: an American writer who runs a guesthouse and collects notes for the Great Expatriate Novel; a British traffic engineer working in Kuwait who turns up in Bangkok with a computer-compiled list of prospective That brides; oil riggers, and those "Siddhartha Joneses" and "Smiths" in

earch of enlightenment. "Kicking Dogs" takes its title from the habit of the nonconfrontational Thai to vent their anger against authority on convenient substitutes, often stray dogs. The novel is more serious than "Bangkok Knights" — but comic - and is a mystery novel cloaked in a sociological tour of Thai society.

I met Piprell one evening at the Foreign Correspondents' Club, where a panel of angry young Thai artists showed slides of their work. The current boom in Thailand covers many spheres. The work of these artists ---

HEAR THIS

■ New bad things we hadn't thought of: Teen-Age Mutant Ninja Turtles are not only extremely annoying but also an actual threat to the nutritional habits of real turtles. Yes! According to The New York Times, turtle lovers, in the form here of the New York Turtle and Tortoise Society, say that the Mutants have spawned a craze among young turtle buyers for red-eared slider turtles, and the kids are feeding them pizza. This is not a good idea, according to Allen Salzberg, a perfectly normal

person who owns 20 turtles.

abstract and expressionist -- was up-to-date. They used the image of the Buddhist wat as a metaphor for dissent, much as Western modemists have used the image of the cross and crucifixion. Poverty, corrupt politicians, prostitution, drugs and environmental abuse were the focus of their rage.

Piprell, a bespectacled man with a twoday beard, was coming off a four-day bout of the "guts." Our interview collapsed into conversation. Later, Piprell answered this question by mail: As a writer, what attracts you to Bangkok?

Bangkok appeals to me partly because of its messy, chaotic, colorful nature - the antithesis of Kuwait," he answered. "Beyond that, Bangkok, the rest of Thailand, your that, bangkok, the rest of humanus, and all of Southeast Asia are in the process of undergoing radical economic and social changes, which also makes them an appropriate place for a writer to be."

ARREN is the dean of expatri-ate writers, and his nonfiction book, "Jim Thompson: The Legendary American of Thailand" (1970), is about the godfather of the farang romantics. The tale is one of resounding success, and an inexplicable disappearance. Jim Thompson, an American OSS agent who landed in Thailand at the end of World War II, severed his upper-class ties to Wilmington, Delaware, and New York City, divorced and then founded the Thai Silk Co., which subsequently spawned a national em-pire of smaller industries. But in 1967, on a trip to Malaysia's Cameron Highlands, Thompson vanished in the jungle, Terminated by the CIA? Embroiled in Thai politics? Murdered by aborigines, or was it a hiking accident? Or did Thompson, the unromantic, engineer the caper himself, to start over again elsewhere, this time anonymously?

Warren sits on his porch in a house filled with antiques, somewhat like Jim Thompson's. He has a 5 o'clock cocktail in hand. He talks of the loose ends in the Thompson case and the machinations of Thai politics, which he has observed for some 30 years. His book on Thompson, originally published by Houghton Mifflin and now by the Thai Silk Co., has sold more than 25,000 copies locally to tourists passing through — and his recent coffee-table books, "Thai Style" (1989) and "The Tropical Garden" (1991), both pub-

lished abroad, are doing very well. Asia's little tigers are pacing the cage. This year it's Bangkok, but it might be Vladivostok tomorrow, or Ho Chi Minh City in 10 years. For Warren, it's a good life. He must dress for a dinner party.

Andrew Ranard, a Tokyo-based writer, has lived in Asia 16 years,



Anne Jackson, Tom Selleck and Don Ameche are featured in "Folks," left; a scene from "Nanmin Road."

Directed by Ted Kotcheff, U.S. Tom Selleck gets hurt a lot in "Folks," possibly more than might have been intended. Among the many painful pratfalls this actor must endure in the role of Jon Aldrich, a Chicago stockbroker suddenly trying to cope with his aging parents, is one bad fall that costs him a the and a testicle. It's not easy to fathorn how Selleck, or any other actor, could have read this far in Robert Klane's screenplay and still decided to go full steam ahead, "Folks" is a comedy about something even less funny than the lost-testicle misadventure. It addresses the lighter side of Alzheimer's disease, with Don Ameche playing Jon's dazed, forgetful father as if he were a wonderful figure of fun. A more mean-spiritedly funny actor might have carried this material better, but Selleck strives for the cuddly rather than the caustic. Ameche, mugging furiously, affects a jaw-jutting blank look and even props his chin on Selleck's shoulder occasionally

for quasi-comic effect. The film's only effective performer is Christine Ebersole, playing Jon's grasping sister with verve. (Janet Maslin, NYT)

Nanmin Road Directed by Sho Igarashi. Ja-

Nammin means refugee and this film is about Vietnamese refugees who come to Japan to find a better life. Those in this picture don't - ruined dreams. broken hearts, and one of them ends up dead. It is all very sad and I wanted to feel for them, but the film kept getting in the way. It is a conventional action picture in which, for easier audience comprehension, the Vietnamese are made to speak Japanese to each other, and forced to voice Japanese sentiments like, Kono kuni de gambaru (I'm going to do my very best in this country.) There is no resonance, no irony - except apparently hy accident. As when a group of bar-employed Filipinas cruise by Disneyland singing in Japanese "I Guess I'll Just Go Home" (Japanese pop

favorite) at the top of their lungs. If the director had wanted to learn how to make a serious film on this very subject (this very story) he should have looked at Mitsuo Yanagima-chi's new "About Love: Tokyo." (Donald Richie, IHT)

> Sister Act Directed by Emile Ardolino.

This is the very definition of high concept. The whole thing can be summed up in six words: "Whoopi Goldberg goes to a convent." What more do you need to know? Once you've latched onto this basic premise, everything else falls into place. It is just what you'd expect it to be, right down to the last nun joke - an innocuous, sometimes entertaining, mostly rou-tine diversion. With heart. The Goldberg character is a nottoo-successful Reno lounge singer named Deloris, who, at the beginning of the film, has had just about enough of the runaround from her married boyfriend, Vince (Harvey Kei-

works, he's also a big-time gangster, and when Deloris barges into his office to call it quits, she accidentally witnesses a murder. When she runs to the cops, they urge her to testify against her old flame in court. We can protect you until we get a trial date, they promise. We'll hide you, they say, in the last place on Earth he'd think to look for you. In San Francisco, the mother superior (Maggie Smith) of St. Katherine's isn't keen on the idea of providing shelter for "this person." But the convent is in financial trouble, and the \$10,000 donation from the police department is too sweet to resist. Not that Deloris is crazy about the idea either. Goldberg underplays the jokes perfectly. She has never seemed so poised and in command in a starring role, and she's immensely likable. It helps that Emile Ardolino never allows the pace to flag, so that we barely notice when jokes bomb or the material becomes cloying.

(Hal Hinson, WP)

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taken between 1934 and 1956 of the people who populate the largest Phil-ippine island. To Dec. 6: "Arts of Mogul India." Twenty paintings and six objects from the late 16th to the

18th century. Includes portraits of the

Mogul emperors and members of their court as well as other paintings

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By Jean Rafferty

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ARIS - No one is quite sure who has christened 1992 as the European year of the garden, but it is one Euro-event Parisians are happy to celebrate. Not since the Second Empire has horticulture been so chic in France. Presideat François Mitterfand is having the Tuileries gardens redone, Mayor Jacques Chirac planting trees on the Champs-Elysées, Cul-ture Minister Jack Lang commissioning the redesign of the floral parterres of the Palais-Royal in 50 shades of blue.

In Paris, garden fever emanates from all points of the compass. To the east, the Parc Floral de Paris in the Bois de Vincennes has been spotlighting its impressive collection of iris (more than 600 varieties). To the west, the Bagatelle in the Bois de Boulogne becomes a bower of roses in June.

On the Right Bank, at the Louvre des Antiquaires until Aug. 31, an exhibition titled "Les Janlins du Baron Haussmann" pays trib-ute to the vegetal virtuosity of the muchmaligned baron who transformed Paris into a "green city" at the behest of his patron, Napoleon III. Organized around a montage of illustrations, the show provides an insight into this aspect of Haussmann's grand design. They include the creation of winding paths and romantic vistas of the Bois de Boulogne, perfect for the promenades of the beau monde led by the emperor and his empress, and also the metamorphosis of a former royal hunting preserve into the Bois de Vincennes, destines for those of more modest social standing in the working-class eastern districts.

Haussmann, who also created 24 city squares, was e prodigious planter: 420,000 trees in the Bois de Boulogne, 102,154 trees along the boulevards and quais with 8,248 benches on which to rest in their shade.

On the Left Bank, the museum of the Luxembourg Gardens last month held an exhibi-tion, "Cent Jardins à Paris et en Ile de France." Extraordinary gardens in the Paris region were illustrated in paintings, prints, maps, books, tapestries and an impressive scale model of the 17th-century chatcan gardens of the Prince de Conti. The Luxembourg is Paris's most popular garden. As at the

Bagatelle, in the Luxembourg on fine week-ends promenaders can outnumber the trees. UT crowds can be avoided by investigating some of the new bacolic venues open to the public. The Fondation des Parcs de France and the Agence des Espaces Verts has produced a guide of eight itineraries to 33 parks and gardens of the Paris region called "La Route des Jardins Extraordinaires." This mooth, the fifth annual "Visit a Garden in France"

campaign features open days in many private gardens. A guide to the 150 most outstanding will be available at French tourist offices. From small intimate gardens to vast parks, here are some of the constellations in the Paris area's galaxy of greenery. Except where mentioned, all are open from dawn to dusk.

Jardin du Palais-Royal: This elegant, 18thcentury arcaded garden is just steps from the Avenue de l'Opéra, but no traffic disturbs the bird song around the rows of linden trees. Its most famous resident, Colette, compared it to living in the country. In good weather, one can dine, take tea or sip Champagne at the outdoor tables of several restaurants while admiring the new blue parterres. Open 7 A.M. to 11 P.M.

Pare de Monceau: This picturesque park is a reduced Second Empire version of the one created by Louis Carmontelle in 1778, complete with romantic "ruins." Winding paths lead to a graceful Corinthian colonnade that rims an oval lake. A Renaissance

arcade and Egyptian pyramid decorate the den from "As You Like It." In the summer,

Cinéma Pagode Garden: Part of the exotic experience of seeing a film in this Chineseinspired pagoda movie theater is the pocketsize Oriental garden that has iris in the spring, as well as bamboo, maples, Japanese anemones and a Gingko biloba. 57 Bis Rue de Babyione. Open afternoons.

Cité des Fleurs: In this small countrified oasis, the front gardens of the hotels particuliers built by Second Empire marshals for their mistresses blossom with flowering fruit trees and perfumed honeysuckle. 154 Avenue de Clichy.

Cité Fleurie: Climbing roses and an apple, a cherry and a quince tree star in this island of greenery surrounded by charming cottages covered in wisteria, Virginia creeper and hon-eysuckle. The painters and sculptors who have their studios in this magic spot welcome visitors to admire both their gardens and their artworks, 65 Boulevard Arago.

Shakespeare Garden: The trick is to arrive at the right moment to see this delightful garden planted with 150 plants mentioned in hakespeare's plays. Tucked away in a corner of the Pré-Catelan in the Bois de Boulogne, it is open only from 3 to 3:30 P.M and 4:30 to 5 P.M. Heather evokes "Macbeth," carnations and lavender, the island of "The Tempest." There's Ophelia's brook and a Forest of Ar-

Les Amis de Shakespeare perform his plays. Parc des Buttes-Chanmont: One of the city's biggest but least-known parks, Buttes-

Chaumont was Haussmann's theatrical tour de force, transformed from quarries that had become a city dump into a dramatic park with a Greek temple on a belvedere, waterfalls and grottos, grassy slopes and leafy glades. Three 19th-century chalet-restaurants offer a sylvan setting for lunch or tea. Versailles: Potager on Roy, Parc Balbi:

Crowds of tourists have replaced the courtiers at Versailles, but one can visit these two enchanting neighboring gardens in relative solitude, guided by Mane-France Morel of the schools of horticulture and landscaping. The decorative 17th-century fruit and vegetable garden, designed by Jean de La Quintinie to provide the Sun King with such delicacies as asparagus in February, strawberries in March.

Comtesse Balbi was the mistress of Louis XVI's brother, Louis XVIII. Her poetic park was fashioned to give the illusion of large landscaped vistas with mini-mountain, peninsula, river, music pavilion and a grotto where she threw musical fêtes. Meeting time: 2:30 P.M. 6 Rue Hardy. Versailles. 40 francs. Closed Monday and Tuesday.

Jean Rafferty is a Paris-based journalist who specializes in design and lifestyle.



Month of Visits

Do get a guide from a French tourist office of private gardens you can visit.

**Beating the Crowds** Don't try to go to Bagatelle or the

Luxembourg on fine weekend days. Mornings on weekdays are best.

Dining Outdoors

Do relax at a café near the Jardin du Polais-Royal and admire the view

Fondation Pierre Glanadda (tel: 22.39.78). To June 8: "De Goya a Matisse." 160 prints executed by such artists as Gauguin and Odilon Redon between 1799 and 1933.

Kunsthaus (tel: 251,67.55), To Aug. 16: "Brazil in Image." Paintings illus-trating cultural and artistic diversity

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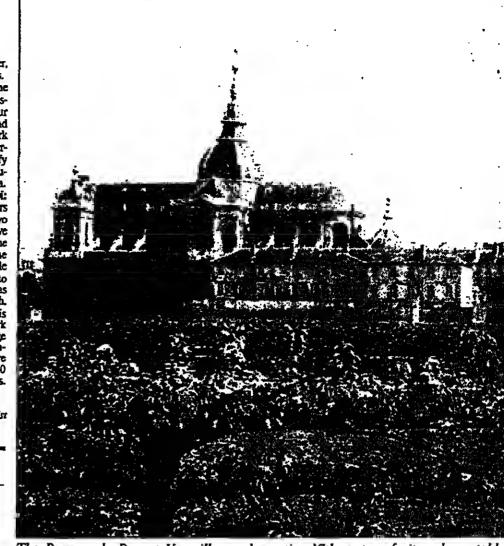
(tel: 551.4000). To June 14: "The Century of Tung Ch'l-Ch'Ang (1555-1636)." 171 paintings and calligraphic items.

The J. Paul Getty Museum, Malibu

(let:459,7611). To July 5: "The Passion of Christ in Medieval and Renalisance Manuscripts." Featuring the

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Museum of Modern Art (tel: 863.8800), To June 7: First major presentation since 1978 of the works of Stuart Devis (1892-1964), one of America's greatest peinters of the century.

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nalla, British Museum (tel: 323.8525). To Sept. 6: "Maxican Painted Books Before and After the Spanish Con-quest." Some of the finest ancient Mexican painted books and manu-

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graphs by the London Documentary. Photographers group. Victoria & Albert Museum (tet: 938.85.00). To: July 5: "Jewels of Socios.uuj. 10 July 5: Jewelts of Fantasy, Costume Jewelry of the 20th Century." Jewelry created for the couture houses of Dior, Chanel, Versace or by famous designers such as Christian Lacrob, Romao Gigil or Karl Lacerteid. Karl Lagerfeld.

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Musée Américain (tel: 32.51.94.65). To Nov. 1: "Lasting impressions: American Painters in France 1865-1915." Ninety paintings by 40 American painters including M.B. Prendergast, D.R. Knight, Mary Cassath.

Didler imbert Fine Art (tel: 45.62.10.40). To July 24: "Henry Moore Intime." A reconstruction of the artist's home in Much Hadham,

the artist's home in Much Hacham, England.
Grand Palais (tel: 48.04.38.86 for ticket reservations). To June 8: "Toulouse-Lautrec." Seventy paintings and 100 drawings, lithographs and posters. To July 12: "The Vikings." Original artworks and objects, including church portals, tapestries and illuminated manuscripts. Inetitut Neerlandels (1el: 47.05.85.99). To July 12: "Lotti van der Gaag." Works by the Paris-based Dutch sculptor of the Cobra movement.

Musee d'Art Moderne de le Ville de Paris (tel: 47.23.61.27), To June 21: "SIMA (1891-1971)." Retrospective of the figurative and abstract Czach peinter'e work.

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Kolnischer Kunstverein (iel: 221.37.40). To July 19: Photographs by Josef Albers (1888-1976), onetime Bauhaus student best known for

his paintings.
Kölnisches Stadtmuseum (tel: 221,23.52). To June 21: First major retrospective of native Cologne art Hubert Berke (1908-79) includes paintings and sculptures ranging from realism to abstractionism.

ITALY

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Galleria degli Uffizi (tel: 21.83.41).
To Juty 5: "Florentine Design in the Times of Lorenzo the Magnificant." In honor of the 500th anniversary of the death of Lorenzo, one of e series of exhibits on the art history in the second half of the 15th century. Drawings by Leonardo de Vinci, Botticelli, Michetangelo and Antonio Polialolo amongst others. Florence

Museo Correr (tel. 52.06.288). To Sept. 30: Sculptures, drawings, paintings, day and plaster models by neo-classical sculptor Antonio Canova. Palazzo Grassi (tel: 52.31.680). To July 5: "Leonardo and Ventoe." A display of Leonardo da Vinci's draw-ings.

Kyoto National Museum of Modern Art (tel: 7651.4111). To July 5: "Isemu Noguchi Retrospective 1992." 100

sculptures by the Japanese sculptor. Idemitsu Museum of Arts (tel: 245.88.11). To June 28: "Treesures of Islamic Art." 170 works on display, including pottery, metalwork, glass-ware and calligraphic works produced in Iran, Iraq, Egypt and other Islamic countries between the 9th and 18th centuries.

and 16th centuries.

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(tel: 771.4874). To June 28. "Objects of Craftwork in the Ching Dynesty in China." Mostly pottery made
for the Imperial Court, also lacquerware, glassware and stationery.
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93.64.1.11 | Indeed Mondays). To awazarogan museum of Art (tel: 33.54.11.11, closed Mondays). To June 21: "Art Nouveau Glass from Bohemia." 185 pieces of glassware

produced between 1885 and 1916. New Otani Art Museum (tel 3221,4111). To June 28: Exhibition of Nabeshima pottery used exclusively as gifts for faudal lords of the

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Rijksmuseum (tel: 673.21.21). To July 26: "Imitation and inspiration." The Japanese influence on Dutch an

starting in the 17th century when the tirst Dutch merchants were authorized to settle in Japan. nzed to serue in Japen. Stedelijk Museum (tel: 573.29.11). To Aug. 23: "The Great Utopla — Russian Avant-Garde 1915-1932." includes work by Archipenko, Cha-gall, Kandinsky, Malevich and Tatlin.

POLAND

National Museum (tel: 21.10.31). To Aug. 9: "Polish painting in the collection of Ewa and Woltek Fibak." Paintings and watercolors by Polish and Polish-Jewish artists of the Ecols

SPAIN Barcelona

La Alhambra (tel: 22.89.36). To June 7: "Al-Andelus: Islemic Art in Spain." Objects created during the eight centuries of Arabic presence in Spain. Madrid

Museo del Prado (tel: 420.2836). To Aug. 18: "José de Ribera 1591-1562." A mejor retrospective of paintings and drawings by the Spanish painter who lived in Italy and was influ-enced by Caravaggio and Correggio.

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Museum for Gesteltung (tel: 261.30.06). To July 26: "Camouage" and "Coloriess": Two come mentary art exhibitions exploring sight and perception.

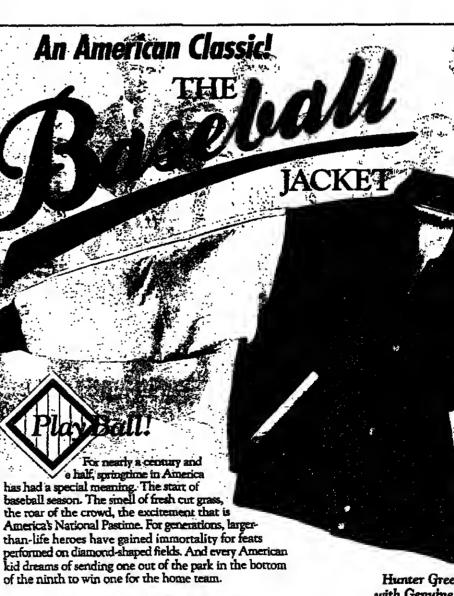
Musée de l'Elysée. (tel: 617.48.21). To Aug. 30: "Wm Wenders, Photog-

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### WALL STREET WATCH

## McDonnell Douglas Finds Its Shares in a Tailspin

By Richard W. Stevenson New York Times Service

EW YORK — Last antumn, McDonnell Donglas Corp. appeared to have put its financial woes behind it, and the stock reached its highest price in several years. The large number of short sellers who were betting against the aerospace company started bailing out, in some cases with big losses. But they jumped too quickly.

For the last few months, McDonnell Douglas shares have been

diving faster than an F-15, though they were up nearly \$4 Thursday, at \$43 each. Still; the price has declined nearly \$20 a share in a month, and since last autumn has lost more than half its value.

The decline has been so sharp that McDonnell Douglas, which is based in St. Louis, is considering stepping in to start buying shares itself.

Herbert J. Lauese, the company's chief financial officer, said that with the stock trad-

ing at 35 percent of its book

The decline has been so sharp that the company may start buying shares itself.

value, a share buyback would make sense. He declined to say how many shares the company might purchase or at what prices. "We've got some cash," Mr. Lanese said. "We're considering going into the market for some of our own shares."

Mr. Lanese said the loss of investor confidence had been

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Of McDonnell Douglas's 39 million shares, about half are owned by employee stock plans or McDonnell family trusts. As a result, only 18 million shares or so are available for active trading, and Mr. Lanese said any active buying or selling has an ontsized effect on the price.

But to many investors, the problems extend well beyond liquidity. For starters, there is the growing uncertainty over McDonnell Douglas's chances of cobbling together its deal to sell up to 40 percent of its commercial aircraft business for \$2 billion to a nascent aerospace company in Taiwan.

HERE ARE also concerns about the company's ability to control cost overruns on its largest Pentagon contract, the C-17 transport plane, and head off mounting congressions. nal opposition to the program. If those problems are not enough, the company is being battered by the depressed worldwide market for jetliners, a result of the hard times for airlines.

Apparently disenchanted by McDonnell Douglas's continuing troubles, one of its largest institutional shareholders, the Magel-

lan Fund, started selling big chunks of the stock in the middle of May, including a 500,000 share block on May 14, traders said. Seeing profit in the downward spiral, short sellers have surged back in recent weeks. Mr. Lanese said short interest in the stock might now be as high as 3.5 million shares, up from 3.2 million on May 15 and just over 2 million as recently as February.

The croding confidence among investors has also extended to

their faith in John McDonnell, the chairman and chief executive. "There's a management core there that's excellent, but they're also being burdened by what I would call a less decisive CEO than is appropriate," said Howard A. Rubel, an analyst at C.J. Lawrence in New York.

The losses suffered by most airlines and the end of the Cold War have made for a tumultuous time for military contractors and acrospace companies.

In McDonnell's case, much of the uncertainty centers on the proposed deal with Taiwan Aerospace, which appears to be collapsing. Without the \$2 billion that deal would provide, McDonnell Douglas will be unable to afford to develop a planned jumbo jetliner, the MD-12. And without the MD-12, the company will be imable to remain competitive with its rivals in commercial aircraft, Boeing Co. and Airbus Industrie, the European consortium.

The question now is whether McDonnell Douglas's share price

is bottoming out, creating a buying opportunity.
"Not yet," said Lawrence M. Harris, an anal Securities in Chicago. "It's possible there could continue to be some slippage from these levels, not because of changed fundamentals but simply because of investor psychology."

**CURRENCY RATES** 

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# Midland To Sell Cook Travel

#### Deal Makes Bank More Appealing To Its 2 Suitors

upiled by Our Staff From Dispate LONDON - Midland Bank PLC agreed Thursday to sell its Thomas Cook travel agency for £200 million (\$367 million), a move that will make the bank more attrac-tive to its two suitors, HSBC Hold-ings PLC and Lloyds Bank PLC.

The sale, to Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale of Ger-many and its LTU GmbH affiliate, Germany's largest charter airline, will give Midland an extraordinary gain of £99 million. It also will add £128 million to distributable re-serves, bolstering Midland's ability to pay dividends.

"This will help keep the bid price firm," said Michael Lever, an analyst at Smith New Court.

HSBC, which owns Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp., recently raised its agreed bid for Midland to £3.9 billion, while Lloyds has proposed an offer of £3.7 billion.

HSBC gained clearance Thursday from the U.S. Federal Reserve Board to proceed with the proposed merger. This was the last legal obstacle for HSBC, whose bid had already been cleared by the EC Commission and British regulatory

Lloyds's proposed offer is under investigation by Britain's Monopo-lies and Mergers Commission, but the bank is expected to announce higher terms late Friday, after a board meeting.

Analysts said the sale of Thomas

Cook highlighted the fact that Midland could survive as an independent bank should HSBC and Lloyds both fail to gain control.

They said if the economy pulled out of its two-year alump, Midland should be making profits of at least £500 million within a few years.

"Midland has 15 percent of a very profitable banking market," said Julian Robins at Barclays de Zoete Wedd. "Its capital ratios are fine and it has a strong management team. Unless the economy fails to recover, Midland is a viable

independent bank."
Thomas Cook's pretax profit fell 68 percent to £8.9 million in 1991, mainly because of the Gulf War.

(Reuters, AP) director at Bear Stearns, and Martin Revson, a

# Nestlé's Perrier Deal Snags

By Jacques Neher Special to the Herald Tribine

PARIS - Nestlé SA said Thursday that EC Commission regulators opposed its acquisition of Source Perrier SA, the fruit it won three months ago after one of Europe's toughest corporate battles.

But the Swiss food giant said it would not retreat from its plan to absorb the French mineral water company and increase its stake in the expanding

and highly profitable mineral water market.

Nestle, mounting a public campaign to counter
the objections of the EC Commission's Mergers Task Force, said it would appeal to the European Court of Justice, if necessary, to win approval for its 13.3 billion franc (\$2.5 billion) acquisition, agreed in March after a takeover battle of several months with the Agnelli family of Italy. The company is challenging both the methodology and the jurisdiction of the European Community's executive in deciding the legality of mergers.

Analysis doubted, bowever, that the case would

go that far. They suggested that Nestle would overcome the task force's objections by selling off one of Perrier's smaller mineral water brands so as to lessen the company's market concentration in the bottled water sector.

Nestlé said it received notice last month that the Mergers Task Force opposed the deal because it would give Nestle and the French food and beverage group BSN an unacceptably high concentra-tion of power — about two-thirds of the bottled-water market — in France. followed by bearings and a decision by the Com-mission, in late July or early August, according to a Commission spokesman

In an attempt to avoid Commission objections, Nestlé originally structured its bid with the proviso that, if successful, it would sell Volvic - one of the top brands in the Perrier stable --- to BSN.

As a result, Nestle, which already owns the Vittel brand, would have 36.8 percent of the French market, while BSN, which already markets Evian and Badoit brands, would increase its share In an interview with the French newspaper La

Tribune de l'Expansion, Serge Milhaud, head of Nestlé's mineral water business, challenged the task force's calculations, saying that "to consider only the French market is nonsense at a time when we're creating the European market." At Nestlé headquarters in Vevey, Switzerland, a Nestlé spokesman, François Perroud, said the fact

that France had approved the deal should mean something to Brussels. "It's quite clear that any suspected concentration would first be the worry of the French anthorities," he said. Sylvain Massot, an analyst with Morgan Stanle

in London, said it was "quite likely" that the EC would pressure Nestlé to sell other water assets, or See NESTLE, Page 13

# Lloyd's to Boost **Capital Fund** Through Levy

By Erik Ipsen

LONDON — Lloyd's of London flexed its financial muscle on Thursday, announcing that it would double the insurance market's last-resort capital fund, to £1 billion (\$1.8 billion), through a levy on its "names," the wealthy individuals who supply the market's capital.

The Lloyd's chief executive. Alan Lord, said the move proved "that we can manage our own problems with-out a bailout from the government

or the Bank of England."
Others were not sure it did anything of the sort. "To be honest, the chance of a bailout for these people is zero," said one Loudon-based insurance analyst. He said that "sympathy for wealthy people here is a bit thin at the moment."

Most observers saw the doubling

of the central fund - the fund of last resort that pays out claims against syndicates that have gone bust — as an attempt by Lloyd's to reassure nervous insurance brokers and policyholders.

Reports in recent months that many Lloyd's names were either un-able or unwilling to pay up on their, loss-riddled syndicates have cast'a pall over the market. Many analysts said that if Lloyd's had not shored up the fund, brokers would have taken their business elsewhere; where they could be more confident that claims would be paid.

Having donsed one fire, however, many others remain. Lloyd's, which reports its results with a three-year lag, is due later this month to reveal the extent of its 1989 loss. That loss was estimated by the independent analytical firm Chaiset on Wednesday to total £2 billion, well above most previous projections. "There is no doubt that Lloyd's will be announcing what are by our standards very heavy losses," Mr. Lord said.

What is worse, those losses will almost surely continue. Analysts widely predict that 1990 will be a disaster almost on the scale of 1989. and although losses are expected to be down significantly for 1991, most forecast that the market as a whole will not show a profit until the 1992 While the doubling of the central

fund may well demonstrate the market's underlying strength, it also will represent yet another drain on the resources of Lloyd's names. "I cannot imagine that names currently litigating against Lloyd's will be terribly eager to pay the new special levy," said Simon Willis, an insurance analyst at County NatWest.

In addition to those who might refuse to pay the levy, which is due by July 15, many names may simply be unable to. In fact, before his remarks on Thursday, it had been widely speculated that Mr. Lord would use the opportunity to unveil a plan to limit members' losses.

But Mr. Lord said thathe and his senior colleagues had not been abie to finalize a plan to limit the huge losses suffered by some names by spreading the losses around to profitable syndicates as well.

Mr. Lord stressed that he still felt that some sort of stop-loss scheme needed to be put in place quickly. David Coleridge, the chairman of Lloyd's, echoed that sentiment, saying in the market's annual report that it was "patently clear" that "some amelioration of past years' losses is essential." The reason. Lloyd's executives say, as that without such a plan, members may decamp in droves, taking their capital with them.

Nonetheless, some observers said they believed any bailons, scheme was increasingly unlikely to, win the required approval of the majority of Lloyd's members. "A lot of members I hear say there is no way that they will pay up for somebody else's losses," said Val-entine Powell, chief executive of the Society of Lloyd's Members.

# Rates Heading Up in Italy and Denmark

ROME - The Bank of Italy raised a key interest rate on Thursday in a bid to defend the sagging lira, which has been battered on currency markets since Denmark's rejection of the Maastricht treaty.

The bank said it would effectively raise the rate at which it gave emergency funding to credit institutions, from 12.5 percent to 13.0 The bank said the move had been taken "in

view of the tensions" that had developed "on Enropean foreign exchanges and financial markets and their effects on the Italian markets." The discount rate was left unchanged at 12

In a related move, Denmark's two biggest banks, Den Danske Bank A/S and Unidan-

mists fear that if the treaty founders, Italy has the most to lose, since it has pledged to make deposit and lending rates from next Wednesday cause of the central bank's hike in money market rates to defend the krone. Both banks said they would raise most of

The dollar sank as investors continued to shift into the Deutsche mark. Page 12.

their rates by between 0.5 of a percentage point

and 0.75 of a point.

On Wednesday, the central bank raised the yield at its weekly sale of certificates of deposit to 10.50 percent, from 9.85 percent, after the Danish rejection of the Maastricht treaty.

Italian bond and currency markets have been particularly hard hit by worries that the process of EC monetary union could unravel, Econo-

Deutsche mark. In related developments: Finance Minister Michel Sapin of France said the mark's strength since Danish voters rejected the Maastricht treaty proved that the

deep cuts in its public-sector deficit and to slash

The rate move follows two days of hectic trading on Italian markets in which the lira has

come under increasing pressure against the

European Community needed the equality that monetary union would offer. • The Danish Finance Ministry said it would

wait before deciding to issue new Ecu bonds following the rejection of the treaty.

#### **SEC Files Huge Insider-Trading Suit** public-relations firm, exchanged insider infor-

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The Securities and Ex-

change Commission on Thursday sued a member of the founding family of Revion Inc., a former director of Bear Stearns Cos. and other prominent financial figures for their alleged roles in what federal officials said was one of the biggest insider trading cases ever.

The defendants, some of whom serve on the boards of major corporations, allegedly earned more than 513 million from the scheme, which lasted from 1987 to 1989.

They include Edward Downe Jr., a former

former chief executive of Dell Labs Inc. and a brother of Charles Revson, who founded Revion. The SEC is seeking millions of dollars from the defendants to repay victims. It is also seek-ing civil penalties of up to three times the total profits generated.

At the same time, the Manhattan U.S. Attorney's office brought related criminal securities fraud charges against Mr. Downe, allegedly a key figure in the scheme. Mr. Downe pleade guilty to the criminal counts later in the day. According to court documents filed in feder-al district court in Manhattan, Mr. Downe and Steven Greenberg, chairman of Anametrics, a

mation on mergers, leveraged buyouts and tender offers with each other, as well was with family members and friends. The transactions involved securities in Kidde

Inc., Bally Manufacturing Corp., Edgcomb Corp., Bear Stearns and Tyler Corp. The others charged are David Salamone, a London securities trader, Thomas Warde, who was a partner in a Los Angeles real estate investment firm; Milton Weinger, a salesman for Op-penheimer & Co., and Fred Sullivan, who was chief executive officer and chairman of Kidde.

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

# Stung by Loss for Year, JAL Reorganizes for a Comeback

TOKYO — Japan Air Lines Co., Japan's biggest airline, said Thursday it would undertake a major reorganization in an effort to return to profitability. In outlining the plan, the company said it would reduce hims, buy more of its supplies and services abroad and try to expand its demestic market.

KLM swung back to profit in 1991-92 and reinstated its dividend. Page 13.

Staff would be cut in administration and peripheral departments and the airline would give priority to placing more personnel in direct sales and operations

Pointing to the high value of the yea, JAL said it would buy more cabin sup-

JAL added that it would seek to expand its share of Japan's domestic passenger market to 33 percent, from 24 percent now, by enlarging its network and operat-ing more flights. International routes also

#### added that 900 ground jobs would be cut from current plans. More than 21,000 people work for JAL. faced greater competition. The company the scale of future investment.

expand its domestic market.

JAL said in a statement that it had a

pretax loss of 6.04 billion yen (\$47 million)

had a profit of 24.9 billion yen the preceding year.

New hiring this financial year will be cut. to 250 people from 497 in 1992, it said. It

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It also said there would be major cuts in

# A Foster's Challenge for BHP

Resource Firm Seeks to Boost Brewer's Value By Michael Richardson

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International Herald Tribune
MELBOURNE — When Broken Hill Pty., Australia's biggest company, moved to take over a major holding in Foster's Brewing Group this week, it exposed a significant flaw in BHP's financial position.

Analysts said Thursday that by appointing receivers and managers to control the assets of International Brewing Investments Pty., BHP was trying to protect its interests by restoring market confidence in Foster's. The company, the world's fourth-largest brewer, has major operations in North America and Europe as well as Australia.

BHP is a leading international producer of minerals, steel and pe-

IBI is a subsidiary of International Brewing Holdings Pty. Both heavily indebted companies have been run by the entrepreneur John Elliott, who played a key role in building the Foster's group, largely on borrowed money. Analysts said that with BHP's intervention, the high-flying career of Mr. Elliott, who was once touted as a future prime minister of Australia by supporters in the opposition Liberal

Party, appeared to be at an end. IBI's assets consist mainly of a 32 percent shareholding plus op-tions over shares in Foster's.

In untanging a defensive cross-holding in the late 1980s between BHP and Elders IXL Ltd., as Foster's was then named, BHP sold Elders shares to Mr. Elhott's personal company, then known as Harlin Holdings Ltd.

In exchange, BHP received re-deemable preference shares in Har-

lin which, with accrued interest,

amount to a debt of more than 1 billion Australian dollars (\$760

million) owed by International

Brewing Investments to BHP.

Mr. Elliott used the Elders had "the financial strength and shares, plus a large loan from a syndicate of banks led by Hong-kong & Shanghai Banking Corp., for what turned out to be an aborted takeover bid for Elders in 1989. BHP maintains that the value of

Foster's shares has been undermined since 1989 by conflict in the

The move to take over a large Foster's holding exposed a flaw in BHP's condition.

nancial pressures, uncertainty and a perceived overhang of Foster's stock in the market.

Analysts said that by asserting control over IBI, removing Mr. Elliott and his allies from the board of Foster's and offering to buy the remaining debt of 1.2 billion dol-lars owed by the Elliott group to the bank syndicate, BHP is attempting to push up the value of Foster's shares.

They closed at 2.10 dollars on Thursday, up from 1.99 on Mon-day. BHP closed at 14.44, 2 cents up from Monday. John Prescott, BHP's managing director, has made it clear that the

company is prepared to wait as long as necessary to unlock what it proach. A merger might also contraregards as full value from its Foster's holding. sale of Foster's shares" and that, if merger proposal have merit." He necessary, BHP would acquire in- added that BHP was prepared to

Mr. Prescott added that BHP

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22.7 billion dollars, against total debt of 7.1 billion. Vincent Pisani, an analyst at Potter Warburg Securities Ltd. in Melbourne, has calculated that the price of Foster's will have to reach 2.38 dollars a share before BHP's

exposure is fully covered. BHP also has investments in other Australian companies worth around 1.1 billion dollars.

Mr. Pisani said that unwinding some or all of these investments would give BHP "enormous scope to reduce debt or make some major acquisition that will provide substantial earnings growth over the next decade."

Analysts said that Mr. Elliott had wanted to break up Foster's in the expectation that its major business operations would be worth more when sold separately. BHP, however, appears to be-

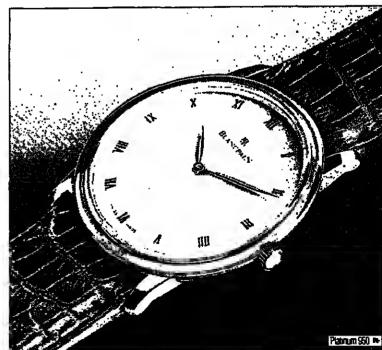
lieve that holding Foster's together, and perhaps making it larger, is the best way of adding value. Since last month, Foster's has been the target of a proposed merg-er with S.A. Brewing Holdings Ltd., a much smaller Australian

brewing with a reputation for shrewd, aggressive management. Foster's management has sought to fend off the S.A. Brewing apvene Australia's anti-monopoly law.

But Mr. Prescott said BHP con-He said there would be "no fire sidered that "some aspects of the ternational Brewing Investment's work with Foster's, Asahi Brewerholding from the receivers to en- ies Ltd. of Japan and S.A. Brewing sure that it was not dispersed at less to review the proposal "to deter-

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#### MARKET DIARY

# Dow Edges Lower As Key Sectors Slip

NEW YORK — Wall Street low demand from wholesalers. stocks closed narrowly lower Thursday as a slump in drug and tobacco stocks offset strength in

auto shares. . The Dow Jones industrial average fell 7.26 to 3,399.73. Declining stocks led advancers, 8-to-6, on the

#### N.Y. Stocks

New York Stock Exchange. Trading was active, with about 204 million shares changing hands on the Big Board.

The market has sort of hit the wall here," said Hugh Johnson, chief investment strategist at First Albany. "On one side, it's clear the economy and earnings are recovering. On the other, there's still a nagging concern about valuations."

Lurking in the background, meanwhile, are some "demoralizing events" Mr. Johnson said, including Ross Perot's emergence as a presidential candidate and the steep decline in drug stocks. Investors are dissatisfied with Mr. Perot's failure to explain his positions on economic and political issues, he said.

Drug shares continued to drop on concerns spurred by Bristol-Myers Squibb's statement Tuesday that earnings would fall below already

dampened expectations because of Bristol-Myers Squibb lost % to 65% and Glaxo Holdings gave up %

Xoma plunged 4% to 15% after the Food and Drug Administration told the company the federal agency might need more information before it approves Xoma's sepsis drug E5. The news came one day after rival Centocor said the FDA ordered a new Phase III trial of a

competing drug, Centoxin. Tobacco stocks tumbled on nervousness about a possible negative ruling for the industry in the Cipollone case now before the Supreme

Philip Morris was down more than 1 point.

General Motors, the most active ly traded stock, soared 1% to 43% following Wednesday's reports of higher auto sales for late May. Ford Motor, the fourth most active issue,

gained 1½ to 48¼.
USX Corp.-U.S. Steel rose % to 26¼, and Phelps Dodge climbed

The industrial metals group has lagged behind the broad market, but that's beginning to change helped in part by a rally in copper prices, said Richard Meyer, head of institutional trading at Ladenburg

## **Demand for DM Pulls Dollar Below 1.6 Level**

Compiled by Our Stoff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The dollar shipped below the key 1,6000 Deutsche mark level Thursday as traders hesitated ahead of a U.S. unem-

ployment report on Friday.

The jobs report for May had been expected to show a gain of about 125,000 nonfarm payrolls,

#### Foreign Exchange

but speculation grew that the increase may have been fewer than 100,000. There was some concern about

the employment report," said Robert Hatcher, a vice president at Barclays Bank PLC.
The dollar finished the session at

1.5980 DM, down from 1.6050 on The U.S. unit ended at 127.350

yen, after 127.345. There were reports that the Bank of Japan intervened against the dollar in Tokyo before the opening in New York.

 But John Lyman, senior customer dealer at Bank of Tokyo Trust, said, "I think the market has shrugged off the Bank of Japan intervention, but it would be a different matter if other G-7 countries

treated to 5.3785 French francs from 5.4015. The pound advanced to \$1.8265, after \$1.8185.

Earlier, in London, the dollar also sank through the 1.6 DM level as the market continued its shift to the German currency in the wake of Denmark's rejection of the Maastricht treaty.

Dealers said, however, that demand for marks tailed off somewhat late in the session.

In late trading, the U.S. currency stood at 1.5990 DM, after finishing at 1.6050 on Wednesday. It also had slumped to 127.55 yen, from 127.70.

NASDAQ Diary

Traders in Europe also said they were awaiting further direction Fri-day from U.S. jobs data for May. The EC crisis continued to loom over trading and raise doubts despite assurances from 11 of its members that the treaty would go

ahead even without Denmark. Traders noted that even if the 11 did proceed as planned, the treaty would not be legally binding on any of them unless it had been ratified by all 12 EC members. Against other currencies, the

dollar dropped to 1.4650 Swiss francs, from 1.4715, and to 5.4145 French francs, from 5.4125.

#### Dow Jones Averages **EUROPEAN FUTURES** The Dow Daily closings of the S Dow Jones industrial average 347/96 3374.40 3399.73 — 7.26 1390.13 1345.47 1377.06 + 139 212.57 210.50 211.25 — 0.76 1207.78 1189.51 1197.74 — 0.96 3450 3452 Standard & Poor's Indexes 3350 Low Close Circo 330 4834 4925 Cripe 4834 4925 — 1.33 383.67 384.97 — 0.00 145.17 145.17 — 0.44 35.07 35.07 — 0.23 312.97 412.24 — 1.33 7 388.22 389.05 — 1.01 3250 3200 3150 MYSE Indexes 3100 3050 3009 2550 2900 NASDAQ Indexes 256 D J F M A M industria Finance nsuranci httilies ianks ransp. NYSE Most Actives Low Last Cha AMEX Stock Index High Low Close Cirige 377.52 395.64 397,16 +1.53 **Dow Jones Bond Averages** Market Sales **AMEX Most Actives** + 14 -144 + 44 + 124 + 134 N.Y.S.E. Odd-Lot Trading Pellars pa Spat Forward NYSE Diary S&P 100 Index Options Close Prev. 843 848 588 2271 63 25 5h 74 Amex Diary 3-MONTH EURODOLLARS (LIFFE) \$1 million - pts at 100 pct 1172

## **Euro Disney Cautious on Profit**

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PARIS - Euro Disney SCA said Thursday that more than 1.5 million people had visited its theme park in the seven weeks since it opened April 12, but it abandoned a forecast that it would make profit this year.

The company said profit fell to 74.6 million francs (\$13.77 million) in its first half, to March 31, from 120.7 million francs a year earlier. Shares of Walt Disney Co., which owns 49 percent of Euro Disney, dropped \$1.875 to close at \$37.25 on the New York Stock Exchange.

for the first seven weeks did not guarantee a similar rate of attendance throughout the year. (Reuters, AP)

## Retail Sales Creep Up, Recovery Still Detected NEW YORK (NYT) - Sales in most U.S. retail-chain stores crept up in May, continuing the sluggish growth that began with a bang in January but has wound down ever since, the companies reported Thursday.

J.C. Penney & Co. and Wal-Mart confounded the trend, posting strong increases. But clothing specialty store companies, like Limited and AnnTaylor, lost sales because of unusually cold, rainy

weather that quelled consumers' desire to buy summer clothing. Most other companies had a 1 or 2 percent improvement in sales during May. Analysts said even though the month overall was disappointing, they still saw glimmers of a recovery lurking in the reported sales numbers.

The Salomon Brothers Retailing Index, which tracks the sales of a basket of leading retailers, rose 4.2 percent in May. "The underpinnings for an improved retail sales and earnings picture for the year are becoming more evident," said Jeffrey M. Feiner, a retail analyst

with Salomon. Analysis are now looking to the back-to-school season in August, when they expect a rise in sales that will continue until Christmas.

#### Du Pont Merck Sets Japan Venture

WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) — Du Pont Merck Pharmaceutical Co.

WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) — Du Pont Merck Pharmaceutical Co. and Banyu Pharmaceutical Co. plan to form a joint venture by the end of the year to develop and market drugs in Japan, they said Thursday.

The new venture's first drug will be Aviva, which is being tested for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease in the United States, he said.

The as-yet unnamed company will conduct any additional trials needed for Japanese regulatory approval and then market the products. For the first few years, a Du Pont Merck spokesman said, the sales force will be directed by Banyu until a separate company is formed.

#### Motorola, Samsung in Palm-Tops

SCHAUMBERG, Illinois (Bloomberg) — Motorola Inc. said it would develop and market an ultralight personal computer with wireless-communications capabilities with Samsung Electronics Co. before the

Motorola becomes the latest U.S. electronics maker to leap into the burgeoning "pen" or "palm-top" computer sector, which analysts expect will account for as much as \$3 billion in revenue by 1995. Motorola's agreement with Samsung is not exclusive, a Motorola spokesman said. Motorola already supplies communications processors for IBM's new PC Radio PCs and is seeking other allies in the "pen" PC field. Samsung will build the handheld PCs in South Korea, incorporat-

ing Motorola's communications microprocessors, the companies said.

#### For the Record

Boeing Co. said that Emirates, the international airline owned by the government of Dubai, had signed a potential \$2 billion contract for the purchase of seven Boeing 777 twinjets with options on seven additional

American Airlines said passenger traffic rose 12.2 percent to a record 7.7 billion revenue passenger miles in May, the first full month under its new fare structure. But American's load factor was down 1.5 points to 60.9 percent because of a 15 percent increase in capacity. (Bloomberg)

Booke A. Sells has been ousted as chairman and chief executive of Revco D.S. Inc., which emerged this week from bankruptcy court protection, the drug-store chain's board announced.

(AP)

### **U.S. FUTURES**

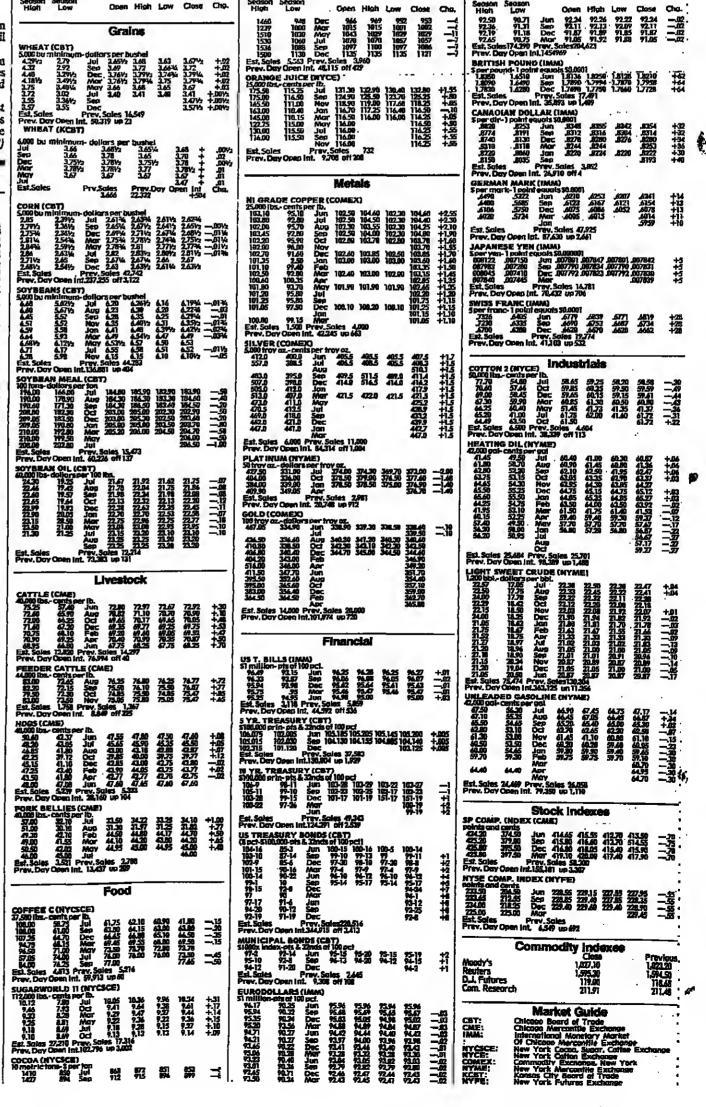
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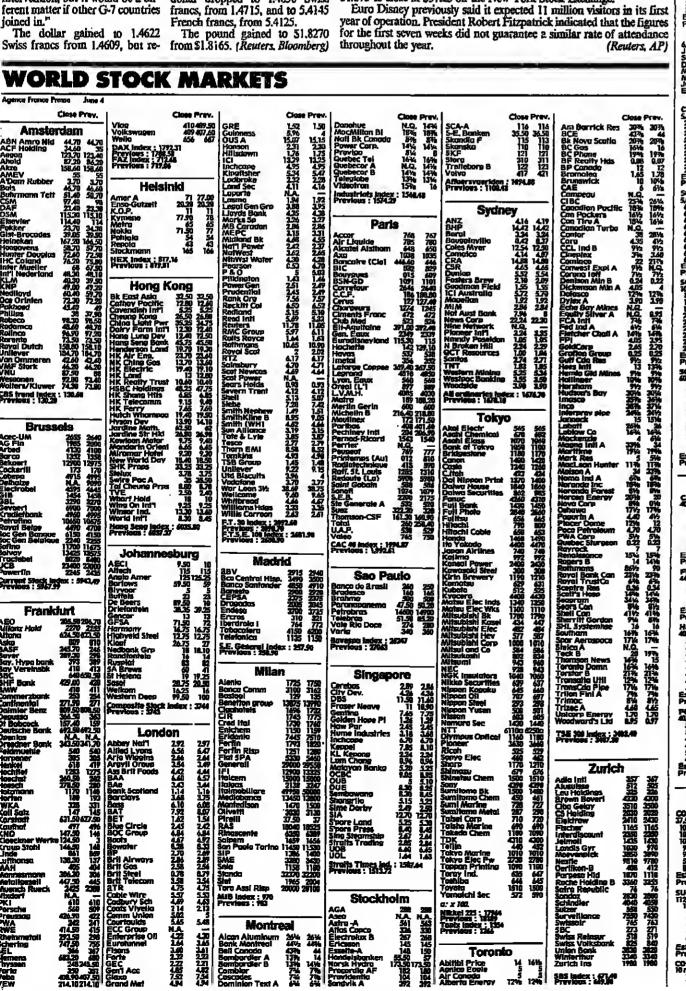
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# French Deal Will Cost Blue Circle £206 Million

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LONDON - Blue Circle Industnes PLC, a British building materials concern, said Thursday that it was buying a French maker of radiators and boilers, Compagnic Internationale du Chauffage SA, for a total of £206.1 million (\$375 million) including assumption of debt.

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The French company, known as Celsius, is a subsidiary of the Nord Est packaging and transport group, m which the investment-banking house Compagnie Financière de Panibas is the major shareholder. Celsius brands include Chappée. Brotje, Finimetal, Burnham and Rodiac. In 1991, Celsius made an operating profit of £23.4 million on

revenue of £361 million. Blue Circle is paying £124.9 million for Celsius's equity and it will also take on £81.2 million of debt. To raise the money, Blue Circle is making a £241.6 million, one-for-five rights issue at 200 pence a share.

Blue Circle also said its prospects for 1992 were worse than in 1991, when it made pretax profit of £124.2 million, because of a further fall in cement prices. Still, Blue Circle forecast an unchanged dividend of 11.25 nence for this year.

On the stock exchange, Bine Circle's share price fell 5 pence to 239. In Paris, Nord Est said it would make a net gain of 650 million francs (\$120.3 million) from the sale. Nord Est's stock advanced 6.80 francs a share to 124.80 on Thursday, after having risen sharply in recent days on expectations of a bid by Paribas for the outstand-

ing capital The deal is the second major asset sale engineered by Paribas since it announced in March a 184 milhon franc loss for 1991. In April, Paribas agreed to sell control of its Ciments Français unit to Italcementi of Italy for 6 billion francs.

Blue Circle said that Celsius's owned distribution outlets in Germany and wholesaler network in France, complemented by sales companies in Spain, Italy and Austria, were expected to offer enhanced opportunities for the distribution of other Blue Circle home products in Continental Europe.

The acquisition is part of Blue Circle's strategy of expanding its Potterson Myson radiator business, which included the purchase of the Swedish company Thermopanel last year. (Reuters, AFP, AFX)

#### Wellcome Sets A July 6 Date

For Stock Issue

LONDON - Wellcome PLC, the maker of the leading anti-AIDS drug Retrovir, on Thursday announced initial details of its plans for a huge share offer.

It said it expected the international offer of 202 to 400 million shares, which could raise £4 billion (\$7.3 billion) for medical research, to begin on July 6. The final number and price of the shares, which will be traded in London and New

York, will be available June 25. Analysts said the offer could initially bring down the price of other Batish drug stocks, such as Glaxo or SmithKline Beecham, as investors picked up more Wellcome shares and cut their holdings in other companies.

Wellcome PLC was formed by the charity Wellcome Trust, which holds a 73.5 percent stake. Now the trust plans to slash its stake to between 25 and 50 percent.

# Zaire Seizes Foreign Oil Assets

By Kenneth B. Noble New York Times Service

KINSHASA, Zaire - The government has announced that it is seizing the assets of European and American oil companies based in Zaire in an effort to ease chronic fael shortages.

Government officials said that the measure was temporary and that the companies would be reimbursed for petroleum supplies taken. They also said the equipment and property would be returned, although no date was given.

The government said it had taken the action "in order to prevent the already sick national economy from dving of suffocation."

From now on, the statement added, all petroleum products were to be distributed and sold through Petro-Zaire, the government-owned company. Oil industry officials and Western diplomats here

fear the move means that the assets have been nationalized. The companies include Chevron and Mobil Oil of the United States, Shell Oil of Britain and the Netherlands and Petro-Fina of Italy. "We have no idea what will happen once the gov

ernment takes control." a Western diplomat said. Oil industry officials have declined comment, but sources close to both sides say they have been bolding marathon meetings in an effort to avoid what Western

observers see as an ominous development.

Jerome Nelson, president of the Zaire-American
Chamber of Commerce, said, "This is one of many
School's Human Rights program.

misguided attempts to correct an already tragic sinuation and it reflects the fact that some people here really don't understand how the corporate world really

The decision to "requisition" the assets of the oil companies, as government officials are calling it, is reminiscent of President Mobutu Sese Seko's campaign in 1971 to "Zaireize" the economy. With few exceptions, dozens of foreign companies were nationalized or passed to private Zairean control, often rithout compensation.

By most accounts, the decision resulted in chaos. Corporate treasuries were emptied by their new owners, stocks allowed to run down and investment came to a virtual standstill

Petroleum prices are fixed by the government, Prices at the pump, which have averaged about \$2.10 a gallon, were last raised oo May 24, when the exchange rate was about 170,000 zaires to the dollar.

This week, the zaire fell to about 210,000 to the dollar on the official market, and 280,000 on the parallel market, which has in turn caused pump prices to fall to about \$1.52 a gallon.

As a result, the oil companies say they are selling their products at a loss, and have been pushing for price increases. The government believes that if it allowed prices to rise, social unrest could result.

The issue of transportation and the availability of soline in Zaire is central to the government's survivsaid Makan Mutua, director of Harvard Law

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#### **Boots Shares** Slip Despite Profit Rise

LONDON - Boots Co. the retailing and pharmaceutical group, said Thursday that pretax profit last year rose 7.2 percent despite the recession. But the result failed to reassure investors and the group's stock price fell

"The economic climate of last year adversely affected all our businesses, especially those retail businesses highly dependent on discretionary consumer expenditure," the chief executive, Sir James Blythe, said.

Pretax profit climbed to £374.2 million (\$681 million) in the year ended March 31. Revenue last year rose 2.5 percent to £3.65 billion.

Boots shares fell sharply on the London market, closing at 466 pence, down 24 pence. The company was gloomy about prospects for a strong economic recovery but said it

had seen some encouraging

sales increases so far this year.

## KLM Returns to Profit, Reinstates Dividend

AMSTERDAM - KLM Royal Dutch Airlines said Thursday that higher market share and cuts in costs helped it to return to profit in 1991-92, after a huge loss the previ-

The Dutch flag carrier reinstated its dividend, declaring a payment of 1 guilder a share, after skipping its payout last year. The stock responded, climbing 80 cents to 40.30 guilders (\$22.20).

The dividend, which compared with a 1.80 guilder payout in 1989-90, surprised the market. "It shows confidence in the future," one dealer said. "It's a nice dividend."

KLM's net profit was 125 million guilders for the year that ended March 31, a big swing from its 630 million guilder loss in 1990-91. Earnings that year were hit hard by higher fuel and insurance charges and falling demand due to the Gulf

Revenue rose 20.7 percent last year, to 7.91 billion guilders. Despite a poor year for interna-tional aviation, KLM said its traffic grew 7 percent, while productivity grew 9 percent; helped by its three-year cost-cutting program.

Falling fuel prices after the end of the Gulf War helped KLM to cut spending in this area by 3 percent to 778 million guilders.

But stakes in unprofitable airlines dragged earnings lower by 145 million guilders, about the same as a year ago, mainly on the 49 percent equity stake in Northwest Airlines Inc. "Everything is being tried to improve the results in these par-ticipations," KLM said.

The French airline Air Littoral, in which KLM has a 35 percent stake, and the regional Dutch line Transavia, in which it has 80 percent, were consolidated into the accounts, A one-time 109 million guilder charge was taken due to a restructuring at Air Littoral.

The sale of a Fokker 27 and two DC10 airliners produced a book profit of 61 million guilders.

Interest charges rose to 253 million from 164 million, with both higher debts and interest charges. The airline paid no tax, compared with 152 million guilders tax

the previous year. KLM made no forecasts for the

#### NESTLE: Acquisition of Perrier Hits an EC Snag (Continued from first finance page) were Contrexeville and Vichy-St.

else force it to call off its deal with BSN and find another company to purchase Volvic. He said the Commission was like-

ly set against the deal at the start by the accord between Nestle and BSN which appeared designed to prevent anyone else from coming into the
French water market, in which 5.9
billion liters (1.56 billion gallons) are

case was resolved.

Already, the impossibility of managing its acquisition is grating sold annually. "It looked like they didn't want a third player in the market - If you take this, I'll take that," Mr. Massot said.

Among the water brands that could be sold off, analysts said, proval process.

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Asahi is the second largest share-

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holder in Foster's, with a total

stake of nearly 20 percent, much of it acquired from Mr. Elliott.

Brewing Investments was generally

seen by analysts as a positive step

by BHP, which has maintained or

increased its dividend in every year

However, the company's perfor-

mance for the year that ended May

31 is likely to have fallen well short

of 1990-91, when net profit was just

for the last 49 years.

mentation.

Mr. Massot said an appeal to the

European Court would be "very costly" for Nestle, which has its money tied up in Perrier but would have no power to exercise its voting rights - including putting in place its own management - until the francs at 1,091.

on the company. Nestle lawyers were in Brussels on Thursday in an attempt to get exempted from the rules that suspend an acquirer's voting rights during the merger ap-

FOSTERS: BHP Seeks to Boost Its Holding's Value

15.6 billion dollars.

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Peter R. Lester, resource research manager at ANZ McCaughan Secu-

rities Ltd., said that he expected BHP's net profit for 1991-92 would

be around 800 million dollars on

be largely responsible for dragging

performance down, according to

analysts. Ron McNeilly, chief exec-

ntive of BHP Steel, said that latest

production figures for the division

and projected demand made "poor

reading even when compared to 1991, a year of depressed activity."

But Mr. Pisani said that profit-

The company's steel division will

if deprived of acquiring Volvic — a large spring that would guarantee the company's long-term presence in the water business. BSN's stock dipped around 2 percent at one point Thursday but recovered half of that decline to close down 10

■ Agnellis Staying Out The holding company IFINT. through which the Agnellis made their bid for Perner, said Thursday that it would not reopen the fight. Bloomberg Business News reported. "The episode is closed for us," said an IFINT spokesman in Turin.

ability should improve sharply over

and the limited Australian market,

BHP has since 1984 undertaken a

sustained program to expand its

minerals and petroleum businesses. Without diversification, "we

would be looking pretty sick to-day," said Robin Stewardson,

He estimates that in 1991-92, at

least 60 percent of BHP's sales will

be overseas, mainly in the United

States, Asia and Europe, with 40

percent in Australia. In 1984-85,

the proportion was 54 percent Aus-

tralia and 46 percent overseas.

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BHP's chief economist.

venture; the maximum potential investment is \$4 million. . Kanshof Holding AG, the second-largest German retailer, said it expected double-digit growth in earnings and sales this year, led by a turnaround at Oppermann, which specializes in gift articles.

David Parry, at its armaments subsidiary Royal Ordnance, to replace Peter Kenyon, who has resigned. · Ahold NV. a Dutch retailer, said its net profit rose 11 percent in the first quarter, to 85.1 million guilders (\$47 million), on a 22 percent rise in sales. to 6.7 billion guilders.

Very briefly:

· Car sales in Italy rose for the fourth consecutive month in May, to a

• British Aerospace PLC said it had appointed a new managing director,

Cable & Wireless PLC said it had agreed to buy a substantial minority stake in Sovam Teleport, a Moscow-based telecommunications joint

record high, the National Association of Car Manufacturers said; auto sales totaled 230,154, up 6.4 percent from a year earlier. . Whithread PLC said it had leased 174 pubs to Pulmaster Ltd., a unit of

Brent Walker Group PLC, in order to comply with the British govern-

• The EC Commission said it was imposing provisional anti-dumping duties of up to 75 percent on imports of large electrolytic capacitors made with aluminum from Japan, following complaints from EC producers. . Ford Motor Co. will invest \$18 million in Hungary to produce starting engines for its 1995 model vehicles, the MTI news agency said.

#### Hanson Buys U.S. Firm's Coal Mine

LONDON - Hanson PLC announced Thursday that its U.S.-based Peabody Holding Co. unit had agreed to buy Southern Ohio Coal Co.'s Martinka Mine and coal reserves for about \$165 million.

The price includes about \$26 million of assumed liabilities, the compa

ny said.

Ohio Power also has agreed to a 20-year coal-supply contract with Peabody Development Co., a Peabody Holding subsidiary. The transactions are subject to approvals by government authorities, Hanson said. The acquisition includes an underground coal mine, a coal-preparation plant, more than 60 million tons of seam coal reserves and related

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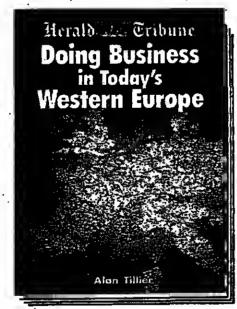
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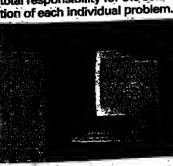
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# Japan Avoids a Row on Chips Industry to Boost U.S. Semiconductor Sales

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO - Japanese and U.S. industry officials announced an agreement Thursday simed at quickly increasing sales of U.S. computer chips in Japan, avoiding a showdown on the issue of access

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to the \$20 billion Japanese semiconductor market. "Our mission is to avoid any misunderstanding that might lead to potential sanctions," said Shinichi Itoh, head of a committee of the Electronic Industries Association of Japan that deals with foreign chip purchases.

Japan's 10 largest semiconductor users, which

account for about half of all Japanese chip purchases, agreed to take "emergency" actions to dramatically increase purchases of foreign semiconductors over the next six months.

Under the main point of the agreement reached between the Japanese association and the U.S. Semiconductor Industry Association, the 10 Japanese companies will give U.S. suppliers lists of additional semiconductors they are willing to buy during the second half of this year.

The Japanese industry group also pledged to seek commitments from its 62 member companies to observe the semiconductor trade pact, promote purchases of high-value, custom-designed foreign chips and increase foreign orders at a rate greater than the overall expansion of demand when Japan's economy recovers.

An agreement signed by the two countries last summer set a goal of a 20 percent market share for foreign chips in Japan by the end of 1992. But the foreign share has stalled at about 15 percent for the past two years, and sales of foreign

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chips actually have fallen in recent months because of Japan's weak economy.

Most of the top 10 users already buy at least 20 percent of their chips from foreign suppliers. But they are active in overseas markets and therefore are sensitive to the possible fallout from a trade dispute over failure to reach the 20 percent goal.

Many of the increased foreign chip purchases under the agreement are likely to be low-profit, off-the-shelf "commodity" chips available from many suppliers, and not the custom-designed chips that encourage long-term relationships between suppliers and users.

in addition, the agreement specifies that the special measures are only for 1992, which could lead to a subsequent sales drop.

James Norling, vice chairman of the U.S. semiconductor group, welcomed the measures, saying they would lead to an increase in purchases of foreign chips "quickly and dramatically."

"It is specific, aggressive and therefore has an excellent chance, if implemented well, of achieving these goals," he said of the pact.

Association officials had warned of a looming

trade crisis if a satisfactory agreement was not reached in talks this week with the Japanese group.

U.S. semiconductor makers say they could have an additional \$1 billion in sales per year if the

foreign market share reached 20 perce Japan blames the slump in foreign market share on weak demand for electronic products that use niconductors. It also says the 20 percent marketshare figure in the semiconductor pact reached last summer is a goal, not a commitment. (AP. Reuters)

# **Imported Car Sales Fall in Japan**

TOKYO — Japanese consumers bought fewer imported cars in May than they did a year earlier. marking the 17th straight monthly drop, the Japan Antomobile Importers' Association said Thursday. In May, 13,561 imported cars, buses and trucks were sold, down 13.2 percent from 15,616 the same month last year, the association said. It attributed the weak sales to Japan's economic slowdown and lower demand for expensive cars. The total for the first five months of the year was 68,375 vehicles,

down 15.5 percent. The plunge in May reflected a slump in sales of passenger cars, which fell 13.7 percent, to 13,309 units. Truck sales rose 29.3 percent, to 247 units, while bus sales increased from one to five.

Sales of German vehicles, which accounted for 60.1 percent of imports, fell 8.1 percent, to 8,026. Sales of U.S.-made vehicles, including ones as-

sembled by Honda, Toyota and other Japanese plants in the United States, totaled 2,382, down 21.1 percent from a year earlier. U.S. passenger cars held 16.22 percent of the import market.

Japanese automakers had pledged during President George Bush's visit to Japan in January to do their best to sell an additional 20,000 U.S. cars per year here by 1995.

Among the U.S. makers, Honda's U.S. subsidiary led the list with 1, 044 passenger vehicles, although sales were down sharply from 1,595 in May 1991.

Sales of General Motors cars fell for the first time this year, slipping 4.1 percent, to 728 vehicles, despite a two-month advertising campaign. But GM Japan attributed the fall to a holiday period that reduced the number of days that public offices were open for registering new vehicle sales.

(AP, UPL, AFP)

# Big Imports Hongkong Telecom Sees Cut Surplus Slower Gains After Pact

In Taiwan

TAIPEI - Taiwan's trade surplus plunged 45.9 percent in May from a year earlier, to \$910 million, as big government infrastructure projects pulled in imports, the Fi-

nance Ministry said on Thursday. Imports climbed 19 percent from a year earlier to \$6.1 billion last month, bolstered by purchases of transport and anti-pollution equipment from abroad. Exports rose a 2.9 percent, 10 \$7 billion.

In the first five months of this year, the trade surplus rose by 35.7 percent, to \$4.9 billion.

A senior Finance Ministry official said imports had begun to rise rapidly because work on major economic-development projects was accelerating. The government envisages spending about \$300 billion on the projects by 1997.

"We need to import more capital goods and facilities for the six-year economic plan, and this will help to curb the trade surplus," said Lin Yi-fu, deputy director of the Board

of Foreign Trade. The appreciation of the Taiwan dollar to record highs against the U.S. currency is helping to restrain export growth, officials said. But they added that exports were likely to continue growing through the end of this year because of booming trade with China and signs that the U.S. economy is recovering.

The Taiwan trade surplus with Hong Kong, the main conduit for trade with China, rose 29.9 percent from a year ago, to \$1,2 billion.

The trade surplus with the United States dropped 17.1 percent to

\$620 million in May. The deficit with Japan climbed 45.3 percent to \$940 million, partly because of the slowdown in the

Japanese economy, officials said. Also Thursday, the central bank announced that the current-account surplus rose to \$2.39 billion in the first quarter, from \$2,26 bil-

The overall balance-of-payments surplus fell to \$1.48 billion in the first quarter, from \$1,66 billion a year earlier, because of rising capital outflows for investment.

lion a year earlier.

HONG KONG - Hongkong Telecommunications' agreemen with the government to slash charges for the company's big earn-er, international calls, will slow profit growth but the big hit will not come until next year, Finance Director John Tonroe said Thursday.

Telecom's stock dropped quickly to 8.90 Hong Kong dollars (\$1.15) in reaction to the pact, from 9.40 on Wednesday, but recovered to close at 9.15 dollars.

"There's no doubt the company will continue to grow," Mr. Tonroe said, but added, "The profitability growth rate will decline."

On Wednesday, the government said it would scrap the British-controlled company's much-criticized domestic monopoly on conventional telephones, replacing it with a nonexclusive license when its franchise expires in 1995.

As part of the arrangement Hong-kong Telecom, which is 58.5 per-cent-owned by Cable & Wireless PLC will keen its international monopoly until 2006. But it also agreed 5,979,73 on the Telecom news.

Vietnam Farmers Are Left

Holding Bumper Rice Crop

HANOI - Rice farmers in Vietnam have produced the biggest

spring harvest on record, but face falling prices and hold big surpluses of the crop, especially in the Mekong Delta in the south. Hindering exports is the lack of storage, processing transport and credit facilities to convert the bumper crop into a proportional

increase in exports. Much-needed capital from the West for invest-

In 1989, Vietnam shifted from being a rice importer to the world's

Vietnam could export a record 1.5 million metric tons to 2.0

third-largest exporter, behind the United States and Thailand, after Hanoi decollectivized agriculture and allowed farmers to produce

million tons of rice this year, said the agriculture and food industry minister, Nguyen Cong Tan. He added that the country had shipped an unprecedented 500,000 tons in the first five months of the year.

The February-March barvest in the country's premier rice-grow-

ing region, the Mekong Delta, produced about 4.6 million tons of paddy, or unmilled rice. That is 700,000 tons more than last year.

While Mr. Tan did not reveal the size of the surplus, a senior Vietnamese source put it at 1.2 million tons, and added that it could

ment in agriculture has not been forthcoming.

grow to 3.0 million tons by the end of the year.

to cut international rates by 12 percent over the next three years. The reductions, which start with an 8 percent cut in the first year, would give Hong Kong consumers the lowest international rates in the world.

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"I'm not going to be drawn into guessing games on the direct effect it'll have on our profitability this year," Mr. Tonroe said. The company's 1991-92 profit rose 12 per-cent, to 5.67 billion Hong Kong dollars, but the growth was well down from 20 percent-plus rates achieved in the 1980s.

"The effective date of these changes will not be until the end of this year or early next year so the direct effect this year will not be that significant," said Mr. Tonroe. "The big impact will be next financial year, starting next April."

On the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, prices closed mixed after a tussle between profit-takers and bargain-hunters precipitated by Hongkong Telecom's early tumble. blue-chip Hang Seng Index edged down 1.57 points to close at 6,035.80, after touching a low of

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 India's Central Bureau of Investigation filed criminal charges against Harshad Mehta, the financier who is at the center of a multibillion-rupee scam involving funds belonging to several banks; the police also launched more than 30 raids in Bombay and seized documents related to the case.

• China has accelerated preparations for a project of Formosa Plastics, of Taiwan, in Xiamen on the southern Chinese coast and told officials to speed up infrastructure construction, R Beijing-funded newspaper in Hong Kong reported.

C. Itoh & Co., the Japanese trading company, and Lasmo PLC, the British oil company, obtained rights to jointly explore for crude oil off southern Vietnam; the companies will spend about \$250 million each on the project and hope production will being by 1996.

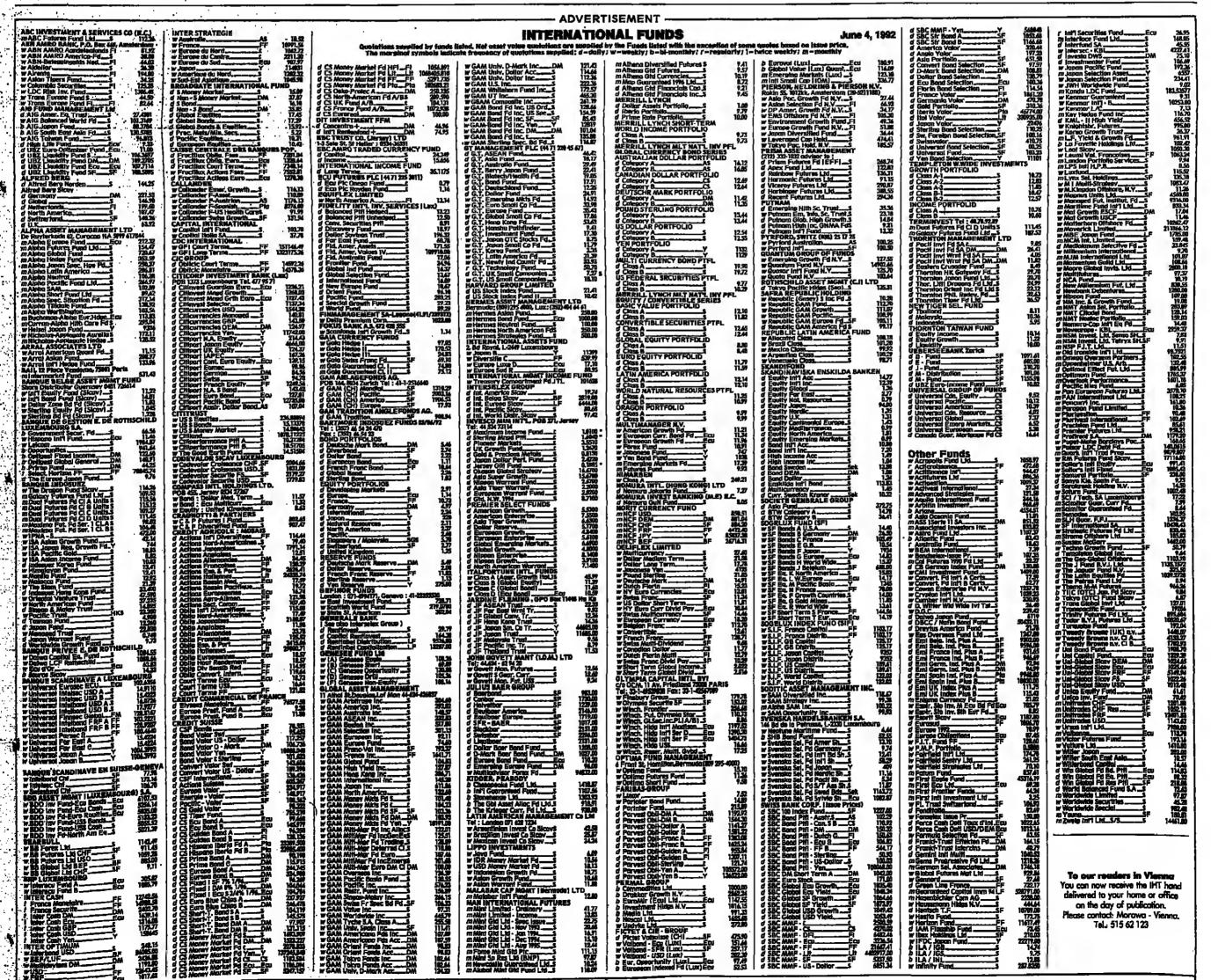
 Mazda Motor Corp. said it would start making vans in China jointly with C. Itoh & Co. and a local company, starting in July,

• Jardine Strategic Holdings Ltd.'s shareholders have approved plans to move the company's primary listing of its ordinary shares from Hong Kong to Loodon; the transfer is expected to take effect Sept. 7. Kobe Steel Ltd. and Texas Instruments Inc. announced the completion

of a 55 billion yen (\$431 million) semiconductor wafer plant in Japan.

 The Philippines said GNP grew only 2.04 percent in the first three months of this year, held back by drought and the global recession. A Peat Marwick accountant, Choi Hon-kwan, was jailed in Hong Kong.

after pleading guilty to charges that he stole more than \$1 million from the collapsed local unit of Bank of Credit & Commerce International. AFX, Reuters, Bloomberg, AFP



# SPORTS NBAFIN

# **Jordan Breaks Records As Bulls Shatter Blazers** With 33-Point Triumph

By Clifton Brown

New York Times Service CHICAGO - Michael Jordan added a thick chapter to his storybook career. Inspired by the challenge of Clyde

Drexler and the Portland Trail Blazers, Jordan, with a 35-point first half, carried the Chicago Bulls to a 122-89 victory over the demoralized the Trail Blazers in Game I of the National Basketball Association chamoionship series.

The four-of-seven-game finals resume here Friday night.

Jordan's first-half performance Wednesday night set several records for the NBA . His 35 points were the most by one player

DREXLER: "The shots Jordan took

were the ones I wanted him to take but, obviously, not make." JORDAN: "My shot was falling from everywhere, so I ran to the 3-point line

and let them go."

DREXLER: "The guy was shooting the ball incredibly well from the outside. Nobody counted on him hitting all those

3-pointers. There was nothing we could JORDAN: "I was in a zone. The 3s felt like free throws. I took them and they went in.

DREXLER: "Those are the shots we want Michael to take. Those shots will be available to him in Game 2. And in

DREXLER: "It seemed like a horror story. You don't take it personally."

during one half of the final, surpassing Elgin Baylor's 33-point half for the Los Angeles Lakers against Boston on April 14, 1962.

Jordan's 14 field goals in the half matched the mark set by Isiah Thomas of Detroit against the Lakers on June 19, 1988.

Jordan also tied the record for most 3pointers made during a final game, six, achieved by Bill Laimbeer of Detroit in 1990 and by Michael Cooper of the Lakers in

And Jordan, who finished with 39 points and I I assists after sitting out a good chunk of the second half, set a series record by attempting 10 3-point shots during the

Led by Jordan, the Bulls turned the contest into a rout. Ahead by 15 points at halftime, they opened the second half with a

15-2 run, taking an 81-53 lead with 8 minutes and 26 seconds left in the third quarter.

Portland came unglued at both ends, com-mitting turnovers, forcing bad shots and failing to get back quickly on defense.

It was a shock for the Western Division champions, who came into the same thinking they had the talent and confidence to

Perhaps the Trail Blazers will recover. But both Jordan and the Bulls proved emphatically in Game 1 that they are determined to repeat as champions.

dethrone the Bulls.

In perhaps the greatest half of his career, Jordan not only scored 35 points but helped Chicago overcome some early rustiness and build a commanding 66-51 lead at intermis-

Perhaps motivated by the weeklong comparisons between himself and Drexler, Jordan took his game to another level, one that

Drexler could not match. Most of Jordan's points came while Drexler was defending him, but there isn't a player on the planet who could have stopped

Jordan on Wednesday night. Besides setting a championship series re-cord for points. Jordan's first-half perfor-mance came close to at least two other play-

It was the second-highest playoff point total for a player in a half, topped only by Sleepy Floyd's 39-point second half against the Lakers in 1987 while playing for Golden State. And Jordan also made 14 first-half field goals, topped only by Floyd's 15 during the same second half in 1987.

The most impressive part of Jordan's explosion was his long-range shooting. He made six 3-point shots in the half, bringing the Chicago Stadium crowd to its feet and almost bringing Portland to its knees. It was an incredible long-distance shooting exhibition, especially for a player known more for his danks than for his jumper.

The more jumpers Jordan made, the more confident he became.

And with a flair for the dramatic, his final two baskets of the half were among his most

With Jerome Kersey staring at him in disbelief, Jordan made a 3-pointer from well behind the key, almost 30 feet (9.12 meters)

Then, after Scottie Pippen missed with a fast-hreak lay-up, Jordan grabbed the rebound high above the rim and threw down a



Michael Jordan, and Scott Williams, even ruffled Kevin Duckworth's feathers.

from 3-point range. By the end of the half, Drexler was gasping for air trying to chase Jordan and had scored just 8 points.

The Trail Blazers did start the game well, jumping to a 25-17 lead. Picking up where he left off against Utah, Terry Porter made his first five shots. But even before Jordan broke loose, Portland's foul trouble started to change the game's momentum.

Buck Williams, Kevin Duckworth, and Porter all committed two fouls in the first six minutes. Such early foul trouble was an and they accepted. Chicago turned aggres- Bulls will long remember.

Jordan's first-half-shooting numbers were sive, Portland turned tentative, And the tide impressive: 14 for 21 from the field, 6 for 9 began to turn. began to turn.

Then Jordan took over. Respecting his ability to drive, Drexler played several steps off Jordan in the first half, giving him room to take his jumper. Drexler gambled that Jordan's jump shot would be off. It was a bad gamble by Drexler and the beginning of a bad night.

Even though Jordan only added four points to his total in the third quarter, the Bulls outscored Portland, 38-17, and were up hy 36 points, 104-68, after three periods. By the fourth quarter, the Trail Blazers were already trying to forget about this game. But invitation for the Bulls to drive to the basket, it was a performance that Jordan and the

Eckersley Steadies in Ninth as Boston Rally Falls Short rum lead, you pitch guys different-

A's Stifle Red Sox for Sweep

The Boston Red Sox scored five Eckersley was called on to proruns off reliever Dennis Eckersley We got our butts whipped here. Plantier produced two runs and put that's for sure," said Boston's manthe go-ahead run at the plate. Ellis ager, Butch Hobson, after the Oak-Burks, however, grounded to third iand Athletics completed a threeto end the game. game sweep of the Red Sox with a

Eckersley, who has saved 24 straight going back to last season, is one save shy of tying the major

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added his 20th homer of the season. league record of 25 set by Toronto's Canseco missed five games last Tom Henke. week with a sore shoulder, but now Twins 11, Blue Jays 3: Kirby

has three homers in six games and Puckett hit his second grand-slam has driven in runs in 10 of his last home run in six days and tied a career high with five RBIs in Min-Eckersley appeared in all three games of the series, saving two. The neapolis to hand Toronto's Juan Guzman his first loss of the year. Guzman hadn't lost since Oct. 5. when the Twins beat him, 3-1. He is 16-4 in the majors.

Red Sox tagged him for three runs in a 10-7 loss Monday night and scored two Wednesday. They could have used one of those runs Tues-Tigers 10, Brewers 4: In Milwauday night, when Eckersley got the last five outs to protect a 5-4 lead. kee, Cecil Fielder hit two two-run homers and drove in five runs as And that, said the Oakland man-Detroit ended a six-game skid. Fielder, who had just one home run since April 23, hit an RBI sinager, Tony La Russa, is the real

Eckersley, who entered the series having allowed only two runs in gle in a five-run first and homered in the fourth and again in the sixth. Angels 4, Orioles 3: Pinch-hitter Lee Stevens's first RBI this season 221/3 innings. Now he has a rather mortal earned-run average of 2.42, but 20 saves to go with it. "When he came in with a onein Anaheim, California, on a basesloaded infield grounder in the 10th, capped a comeback that beat Balti-more. run lead, it was boom-boom-

The Angels, scoring more than three runs for the only time on their nine-game home stand, tied in the tect a 7-4 lead Wednesday, but hits seventh on Gary DiSarcina's first by Jody Reed, Jack Clark and Phil major league homer, a two-run shot. He also made a run-saving play at shortstop in the eighth.

Rangers 4, Yankees 3: New York's Shawn Hillegas made an errant pickoff throw in the 13th after Jeff Huson put the Rangers in position to win with his own failure Arlington, Texas.

Hillegas was attempting to pick off pinch-runner John Cangelosi with none out, but threw the ball wide of third baseman Charlie Hayes. Cangelosi came home with the run that ended a 4-hour, 31minute game that gave Texas its 17th victory in the last 19 games against the Yankees.

Kevin Reimer opened the inning with a single. Huson was unsuc-cessful in trying to sacrifice before moving Cangelosi to third on a hit-and-run single. Hillegas faked to third, faked to first and then wheeled and double-chuched before throwing the ball away.

Indians 8, Mariners 3: Sandy Alomar's first grand slam in the majors capped a seven-run fourth

Royals 3, White Sox 1: Brian McRae singled home the go-ahead run in Kansas City, Missouri, as Chicago lost for the eighth time in

# Quick-Hit Reds Keep Streak Going

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches It took just five pitches for the Cincinnati Reds to slug their way

boom," La Russa said. "If you have

a one-run lead compared to a three-

in three games. None mattered.

Terry Steinbach broke a 4-4 tie

in the seventh inning with a two-run single, Jose Canseco hit two

home runs and Mark McGwire

7-6 victory Wednesday.

back into the game against the visiting St. Louis Cardinals.

The rally, which began with back-to-back home runs by Barry Larkin and Chris Sabo in a fourrun sixth inning, brought the Reds

from four runs down on the way to an 8-7 victory Wednesday night.
It was the eighth triumph in the last nine games for Cincinnati, which is back on top in the Nation-

al League West. With a seven-game western trip coming up, we're in good position right now," said the Reds' manag-

er, Loo Piniella. Larkin began the rally with his

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third homer of the year and Sabo and San Diego avoided a three-followed with his third one pitch game sweep. later, Glenn Braggs doubled on the next pitch and two pitches later Paul O'Neill singled home Braggs.

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single by Reggie Sanders to forge the 6-6 tie.

In the seventh, Braggs's second double and pinch hitter Bip Roberts's RBI single made it 8-6.

Cubs 5, Padres 2: In Chicago, Gary Sheffield singled twice and doubled for three RBIs, Bruce Hurst pitched a six-hitter for his third complete game in five starts

Phillies 4. Braves 1: Curt Schilling pitched seven shutout innings in Atlanta and Darren Dalton homered in a three-run first as Phila-O'Neill later scored on a two-out delphia stopped the Braves' fivesame winning streak.

Pirates 6, Dodgers 5: Jeff King drove in three runs with two singles in Pittsburgh as the Pirates with-stood pinch hitter Dave Anderson's two-run homer in the Los Angeles seventh.

Astros 5, Expos 3: Rafael Ramirez capped a four-run first in Houston with a run-scoring single and Jeff Bagwell ran his hitting streak to eight games with a long homer against Montreal (UPI, AP)

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#### **BOOKS**

#### IMPOSSIBLE VACATION

By Spalding Gray. 228 pages. \$22. Alfred A. Knopf Inc., 201 East 50th Street, New York, New York 10022.

Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani

HIS book is Spalding Gray's longunfinished novel, referred to repeatedly in his entertaining 1990 monologue, "Monster in a Box." As that monologu suggested, "Impossible Vacation" is about a man who can't take a vacation -or rather a man who finds "it very difficult to take pleasure when in very pleasurable places."

It's about a character named Brewster North — who used to be called Spalding Gray, until Gray "changed the names to protect the guilty" — and his efforts to learn "how to hang out like a guy hanging out alone." It's about Brewster's attempts to come to terms with his mother's suicide, and his subsequent wanderings in search of peace of mind. "Impossible Vacation," however, isn't

the 1,900-page monster that Gray com-plained about in his monologue. This is a modest-size book of modest-size ambitions, considerably less discursive than many of the author's monologues, and fairly straightforward in the depiction of its hero's peripatetic adventures.

"Impossible Vacation" is essentially a chronological chronicle of Brewster North's coming of age, beginning with his memories of a childhood summer

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spent oo the Rhode Island shore and ending with his decision to return home after a series of emotionally harrowing trips in America and abroad.

The story is told firsthand, by Brewster, a hapless modern-day Candide, who, not surprisingly, speaks in a voice almost inuishable from the one Gray employs in his own monologues: an intimate, casual voice, capable of discussing anything from pornographic films to Che-khov's "Sea Gull," from acid trips to family holidays, with lightly ironic candor.

Brewster tells us about "the world of totally protected pleasure" he experienced as a small boy, basking in the warmth of his mother's affection. He tells us about her growing madness and her commitment to a sanitarium and his return from a holiday in Mexico to discover that she has committed suicide.

Overcome with guilt and remorse, Brewster turns to "fantasies of Liberation." He wants to learn how to live in the moment. Toward that end, he takes up the study of Zen, which leads him to a weeklong retreat in the Poconos, where he fails to achieve the transcendent state of "Big Mind," but instead has an Xrated vision of sexual bliss.

This vision, in turn, leads Brewster to India: While his girlfriend, Meg. shops for rugs, he intends to study Tantric sex practices at the ashram of the famous agwan Shree Rajneesh.

Things at the ashram, however, don't quite proceed according to Brewster's plans. He's hot and irritable, and sick of seeing people in orange robes. He starts missing his girlfriend, misplaces his sex drive and eventually leaves without ex-By Alan Truscott ploring "the rivers of anonymous Diony-

From the ashram, it's on to the Himalayas and then Amsterdam. in time, of course, Brewster does n it back to New York, though his restless-

ness refuses to diminish. Through all this, several questions keep spinning away like pinwheels in his mind: Why can't be commit to his girlfriend, Meg? Was he guilty of allowing his mother to drift off into madness?

And most important, who and what is

Brewster North? If some of Brewster's agonizing is ado-tescent, self-indulgent and tinged with mindless hippie jargon, it's also redeemed by his self-deprecating humor and his ability to relate his adventures with both immediacy and wry detachment.

In the end, "Impossible Vacation" is more a written monologue than a conventional novel: There's a narrowness of emotional focus to the volume, and Brewster, alone, emerges as a full-fledged character, while everyone else is relegated to a walk-on role.

At the same time, one finishes the book impressed by how readily Gray's narrative voice transfers to the page; how easily he has been able to translate a performance from the stage to the medium of print.

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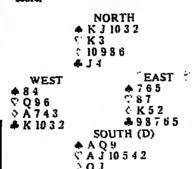
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N the diagramed deal, North-South I had three plausible game contracts. Four soades was the safest, but three notrump offered good prospects of an excellent score. West had to guess which

A club lead would have been won by the queen. South would have crossed to the heart king and finessed the jack, losing to the queen. That would produce twelve tricks unless West was inspired to shift to diamonds, holding South to ten After a diamond lead to the king, with

the jack appearing from South, East should have thought carefully. A diamond return would be right only if West held the queen and if South was ready to run more than 10 tricks. But both were unlikely, and a club shift was indicated.

But East routinely returned a diamondat the second trick, prey to the "always return partner's suit" syndrome, and the defense was helpless. West won with the ace and played a third diamond. South won in dummy, led to the club ace, and ran dummy's spades. The last diamond then squeezed West in hearts and clubs, so two overtricks were made for a fine

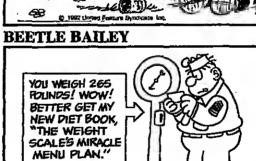


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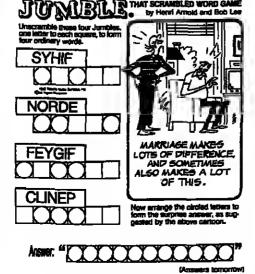




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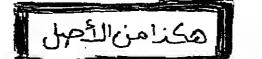






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# Courting an Attack: The Final Battle Is Looming

By Ian Thomsen

PARIS — Her black hair tied in white han, her shoulders hunched, Monica Seles tossed up a service ball and swung an axe at it. At least it looked that way Thursday as the ball drifted into the approaching stride of Gabriela Sabatimi, who slammed a forehand winner down the line.

She had now broken Seles to go ahead, 4-2, in the final set. She had won 11 of the last 12 points. Her opponent, the world's No. 1 player, looked from the distant seats of Centre Court at Stade Roland Garros like a 47-year-old

"If you could do it all over again," a reporter asked Sabatini more than an hour later, after Seles's 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 victory in a French Open semifinal, "would you start maybe to attack a little bit go for it." more, instead of playing a passive

"I think I was attacking," Sabatini said. "Suddenly she started hit-ting the ball hard and I just couldn't do anything. I was playing match and here to win the match. don't think that decided the bappen late in the match, and it is

wasn't tired. She turned her back on the court, took a short walk, said something only she could hear. When she turned around again, the wrinkles had disappeared. She was attacking Sabatim's serve, moving forward constantly the way the stronger boxers do, pounding and grunting. When it appeared she might be beaten, she became un-

"I just said give it everything you have, run for every ball," Scies said. "I really tried to stay focused, you know, just don't choke, even if I am serving for the match. It doesn't matter. Just go for it. That was the key thing. At 4-2 I didn't look at the score. I just said

When was the last time she She mentioned a quarterfinal

loss to Jennifer Capristi at Key Biscayne, Florida, more than two couldn't do anything. I was playing months ago. On a few key points I away unimportant points. If you very well and I was very into the choked there," she said, "out I are going to choke, it is going to

set. I choked a few times," she

"But that happens to every-

Suddenly she starts hitting the ball match." Three weeks ago she lost going to happen at crucial points. does her opponent in the final, No. was lasting so long. Finally, San-very hard, and I was just defending the Italian Open final in two Seles seems to define choking as myself. There wasn't much I could sets to Sabatini. In the first when you miss a backhand volley when you miss a backhand volley when you miss a backhand volley serve. Rather than accepting defeat to an open court five games into the

opening set.
The truth is she does not appear

'Why all these questions lately about burnout and young players having trouble? I mean, how many of them are having troubles? I don't see it at all. I mean, I feel fine. I think I am really motivated right

- Steffi Graf, 22

choked on a few points, except the ing, except for what opponents times that I choked, I don't think it have shown her.

Actually, she dido't understand the question. You don't choke early in a match, and you don't choke

body," Seles said. "I mean, today i to know the first thing about choked on a few points, except the ing, except for what opponents

The more crucial the point, the harder she attacks. Two days earlier, in this tournament, she won her five millionth dollar. In matches like this one, the money seems almost irrelevant to her. At the age of 18, she does not appear likely to

Why all these questions lately about burnout and young players having trouble?" Graf, 22, com-plained the other day. "I mean, how many of them are having trouhles? I don't see it at all. 1 mean, 1 feel fine. I think I am really motivated right now."

Early in her semifinal Thursday, Graf bonneed a ball off her racket and looked around Centre Court. She saw the same stadium, the same fans, the same opponent, the same score on the same scoreboard as she had seen one year before. She had lost the first set, 6-0, to No. 4 Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, who last year had also won the next set to advance to the French Open

"I more or less told myself that I am a better player than that," Graf said, "I just said, O.K., just work for it. Just run down whatever you can, just get the ball in

She began to play for rallies, extending points patiently. At 30-40 in the second game the crowd be-

in straight sets like the previous year, Graf won 12 of the last 16

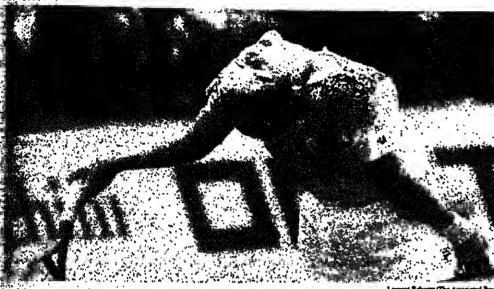
"I think I do enjoy it a lot more than I have maybe last year at that stage," Graf said Thursday. "I am in a lot better shape, and I don't know - outside of the court I am just very calm."

Both winners maintained they that were just happy to have advanced to the final. They had achieved their primary goal, they each said. This weekend, no doubt, they will forget those words.

"I am just going to have to play some great tennis," Seles said. "Pretty much 90-percent first serves, not making many unforced errors, running very well, running a lot of balls down and everything going pretty well."

Greater than her last four games

"It still hasn't hit me totally how played," she said, "but I really don't think I was playing that great



Monica Seles was nearly bowled over by Gabriela Sabatini before the defending champion railied.

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WASHINGTON - Players and coaches from I.S. colleges and universities will teach baseball in Great Britain and Czechoslovakia this summer as part of major league baseball's "Envoy Program." Major League Baseball International Partners an-

A spokesman for the group, set up by major leagne baseball and NBC International to promote baseball wordwide, said the Americans will "en-sure first rate instruction" for players in the the two countries that will be "reinforced throughout the summer."

A team of 16 players and two coaches from 10 schools in the Chicago area will leave June 17 for Britain. They will live with families in the English cities of London, Cambridge, Reading, Essex, and Birmingham as well as in Edinburgh.

On June 18, another team of 14 players and two coaches from six schools in northern California will leave for Czechoslovakia. They will live and teach in Beno, Bratislava, Ostrava and Prague.

The U.S. players and coaches will conduct clin-ses for youths and adults. In addition, the players in Britain will take part as a team in the Triple Grown Tournament in Antwerp, in which the national teams of France and Belgium will also compete.

#### SIDELINES

#### **England's Soccer Team** Loses 2 Players to Injuries

LONDON (Renters) - England's preparations for the European soccer championship received another blow Thursday when defender Gary Stevens was ruled out with an ankle 'stress lesion' that may require

rgery. Winger John Barnes had ruptured an Achilles' tendon early in Wednesday's 2-1 exhibition victory over

England has asked UEFA for permission to replace the pair with Andy Sinton of Queen's Park Rangers and Manchester City's Keith Curle.

#### For the Record

A.P. Indy drew the first post position Thursday and was made the early 6-5 favorite for Saturday's 124th running of the Belmont States.

Endrio Leoni sprinted from behind to narrowly defeat Italian rival Mario Cipollini in Thursday's 12th stage of the Tour of Italy cycing race. Spain's Mignel Indurain, with the same time as the winner, retained the overall leader's jersey for the 10th straight day. (AP)

Commissioner Fay Vincent said he will decide by July 1 whether to override the National League consti-

tution and mandate divisional realignment, despite the objections of the Chicago Cubs. (AP) James McGirt of the United States will defend his WBC welterweight title against Patrizio Oliva of Italy ou June 25 in Licola, Italian matchmaker Elio Cotena



Petr Korda was down but not out after eliminating Andrei Cherkasov in the last men's quarterfinal.

# **Both Top Seeds Face** Upset, Then Prevail; **Korda Gains Semis**

By Nick Stout

PARIS - Steffi Graf was facing break point. She sighed, then tossed up the ball and drove it up the middle. On the other side of the net, Arantxa Sánchez Vicario hardly saw it go by. In any event, she did

not touch it.

The official whose job it is to stare at the center line did not see the ball either. But he called a fault. Graf knew better, and on closer inspection of the mark where the ball had landed -- or was presumed to have landed, because there are many such dust marks - all parties

agreed that the serve was good. Ace. So instead of handing Sanchez a 3-0 lead Thursday in the third set of their semifinal contest in the French Open, Graf proceeded to save the game.

As it happened, Sánchez would never win a third game. Graf was in charge now, and the final score would read 0-6, 6-2, 6-2 in her favor. That was probably the most im-

portant game of the whole match," said Graf, who will play Monica Seles for the French championship on Saturday.

Scles, the top seed, outlasted Ga-briela Sabatini, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, in a peculiarly balanced match. In the last two sets, each contestant won as many games on her opponent's serve as she did on her own.

Earlier, Petr Korda finished off

Andrei Cherkasov, 6-4, 6-7 (3-7), 6-2, 6-4, to gain a semifinal appointment with Henri Leconte on Friday. The winner will meet Jim Courier or Andre Agassi in the championship match Sunday.

Korda, a Czechoslovak ranked No. 8 in the world, had never before advanced past the second round of the French Open. Consequently, his match with Leconte will be his first singles appearance

"I hope they let me practice there tomorrow," he said. Sabatini, who beat Seles last

month for the Italian Open championship, dealt a similarly mixed offering of tennis shots on Thursday. But this time Seles was ready. "I think I was able to run down a

lot of balls today," Seles said.
"Much better than in Rome." Both semifinals here showed Thursday how exciting women's tennis can be if the participants

have the right names. Seles and Sabatini dazzled each other with winners down the lines and deft drop shots when it mat-tered. And it was Sanchez's swiftness that nearly drove Graf to the showers. Sanchez repeatedly ran down shots that were already drawing applause from a house that believed the point was won.

As always, however, in the end it was confidence and a little bit of luck that made the difference Graf, who might have wilted af-

ter the 6-0 embarrassment, said she kept telling herself: "Just work for it. Just run down whatever you can. Just get the ball in play." "I just fired myself up," she add-

ed. "I thought I could do better." The result might have still gone Sanchez's way if, in the third set, she had held serve in the sixth game. She had survived a 15-40 deficit

thanks to Graf's long service return and subsequent forehand error. Moments later, on game point, Sanchez delivered what she thought was an ace up the middle. But, again, the tell-tale dust mark betrayed her, and she lost the replayed point.

She saved another break point, then wasted two more game points. Graf finally won by lifting a soft cross-court forehand lob over her diminitive opponent, who watched helplessly from the forecourt.

"I played a good match, and I probably had some chances in the third set," Sinchez acknowledged, "but she was very, very lucky. I had control of the match, and I played really well, but I was not lucky like

In the Scles-Sabatini affair, the killer instinct was at play. It did not matter who was serving. Every

game was different. Seles growled as she whacked PORTLAND: Kersey 3-81-17, B.Willioms 111-23, Duckworth 3-61-17, Drexies 3-14-6714,
Parter 5-73-113, Robinson 7-442-14-6 Revents80-010, Almos 2-81-24, Whother 2-80-04, Prock 180-010, Almos 2-81-24, Process 2-14-10, Process 2-14away at the corners; Sabatini glared

"Tm O.K.," Sabatini said calmly in the television studio where she was led straight from the court. "I'm satisfied with the match. I played a good match. She just

Graf holds a 5-2 record over Seles, dating to the 1989 French Open. They played a memorable final here in 1990, when Seles saved four consecutive set points in a tiebreaker and then beat Graf for her first Grand Slam title.

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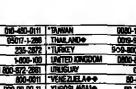
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# Families, the Real Stuff

By Russell Baker N EW YORK — "White Heat" has been stuck in my mind for a week. It's that 1949 gangster mov-ie that ends with James Cagney sizuding on top of an oil-refinery tank, crying "Top of the world Ma!" as he blows the refinery and

himself to Kingdom Come. It's also about family values, which is why it popped up out of the memory vault last week. That's when everybody was saying what a socko issue the Republicans had tapped into, thanks to Vice President Quayle's speech extolling lamily values.

Surely nobody who remembers "White Heat" can hear the words "family values" without shuddering. The political types dilating on the splendor of "family values," however, were not talking about family values. They were talking about "family values," an empty political phrase meaning "good swell wholesomeness."

Family values, with quotation marks stripped away, are something else. The real stuff includes Cagney atop that tank, dying with a cry of triumph to the spirit of his dead mother.

And yet - yes, iriends - witch though she was, was she not also a mother? A mother, too, who adored her only son, Cody Jarrett, murderous psychopath though he was. And Cody, murderous psy-chopath though he was, adored his old More use induced her more

than anything in the world. When talking family values, let's remember the Jarrett family. It was a family cemented together by love. The evil in which they connived would have repelled movie audiences around the world had Cody not been played by the irresistible Cagney. Ma Jarrett cannot be dismissed as just another sour Holly-wood sneer at the American family, for she had a real-life model in the dreadful Ma Barker.

Real family values receive a lot of attention in our most successful gangster films, and they are values dial seem with valuable, if only because they depict the family as the last line of defense against a dangerously threatening government.
In the "Godfather" trilogy, the

Corleane family is tightly knit, intensely loyal, and in fact a private government at bloody war with the

iticians who extol "family values." In "Bonnie and Clyde," there is

an cerie pastoral moment when the two killers, hotly pursued by the law, receive shelter at a family barbecue given by Bonnie's people, who choose devotion to family over the rightful demands of the state. It's not just in gangeter movies

that family values are shown to be hostile to the values promoted by government, and even morally superior. In "The Grapes of Wrath," the Joad family survives in spite of government hostility at every turn in the road and endures because Joads believe their first obligation is to family rather than law.

At the end, Ma Joed connives in an obstruction of justice when son Tom decides to flee after killing a man. Where does the politician extolling "family values" stand on this case? Does he cry: "Shame on Ma Joad! Throw the book at her for not turning in her son the murderer"?

I think he must if he prefers "family values" to strong families. Implicit in the politician's call for "family values" is a summons for people to shape up and start living their messy lives the way govern-ment wants those lives lived. Listen closely and you can hear politicians insisting on a government duty to meddle in the strange ways of lamilies. You can hear government asserting a dnty to promote moral

What could be more loathsome than a government supervising the moral elevation of the family? As all of us here must know when not mesmerized by political quacks, every family is a self-governing institution and in every case, entirely idiosyncratic. To ascribe nobility to such structures is absurd, for each operates under its own rules and

There are large loving families, and large families whose members detest each other while loving the blood that unites them, and dark lamilies primed for intra-family murder, and Ioolish families stuffed with pride in their genealofamilies headed by single parents, and divorced families, and families like Ma Jarrett's and Ma Joad's and Ma Barker's.

"Family values"? That's just gas that politicians run on.

New York Times Service

# Investing in Art and Life After Tennis

By Nick Stout

PARIS — A female voice resonated from the intercom after the bell was pressed: "Wait until I close up the dogs." Then the iron gate buzzed open, and the visitor was led along a stone-dirt path through the greenery and into the 18th-century mansion, appropriately situated on Rue des Arts in the Paris suburb of Boulogne. Appropriate because the walls of this restored pavillon de chasse are heavy with what the proprietor describes as "the best of Polish painting in the last two centuries."

The collector is the former tennis journeyman Wojtek Fibak, and the mansion, in which he lives with his wife, Ewa, and two teenage daughters, lies only a lob away from Roland Garros Stadium, where the French Open is in full

When he is not receiving John McEnroe for a bout of basement table tennis, or directing his Polish media empire by telephone, or bicycling through the Bois de Bou-logne to kill a free half-hour, Fibak might well be negotiating the purchase of another canvas.

In the past decade and a half, Wojtek and Ewa Fibak have assembled what is reputed to be the world's largest private collection of Polish art. Last month, 240 of their 400 or so paintings went on display at the National Museum in Warsaw.

"It's a Wimhledon final for me," Fibak said in a recent interview on his backyard patio, "I never played a Wimbledon final, but that's how I refer to it because it's very rare when the country you come from recognizes a private collection and gives it its best room for a few months."

Fibak, who turns 40 in August, may never have won Wimbledon, but he was not unsuccessful as a tennis player. He ranked consistently among the 15 best players in the world, and, together with the Dutchman Tom Okker, among others, he collected more than a few doubles cham-

said the man whose residences include not only the old hunting lodge in Boulogne but also a Scottish-style castle in Greenwich, Connecticut, apartments in New York and Monte Carlo and a house in his hometown of Poznan, "I was able to leave Poland and travel. And I was always reading and learning. That's my nature. I always wanted to know. And I was always investing. My business is investing in things."

Fibak is a doctor's son whose talent in tennis allowed him to escape the rigidities of Communist Poland and see the world that he had dreamed about when he was a young collector of postage stamps. An upset victory over Arthur Ashe in 1974 brought him international attention, and not long afterward he parted ways with the Polish tennis federation and set out on his own.

In 1973, the Fibaks bought their first work of art - a large abstract work by a contemporary Polish artist — in a small gallery near the Old Town Market Square in Poznan. It was too big to fit on the walls of their 55-squaremeter (590-square-foot) apartment in Winogrady. But it was the beginning of an obsession.

A lew years later they were hobmobbing regularly with art dealers and museum curators and attending the major auctions at Sotheby's, Christie's and Drouot.

"It's difficult to talk about the best," said Fibak, who nonetheless mentioned names like Mojzesz Kisling Zyg-munt Menkes, Eugeniusz Zak and Leopold Gottlieb. "We just tried to collect the paintings that we thought at the time

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Wojtek Fibak at the opening of the exhibition of his art collection at the National Museum in Warsaw.

Most of the painters, he said, were born in Poland, and many were of Jewish origin.

"That's why many people regard the collection as a Polish-Jewish collection," he said. "A lot of them finished at the academies in Warsaw and Krakow at the beginning of the century and then went through Berlin or Munich to Paris, which at that time was a mecca of art.

"They established themselves here in Paris, in the teens

and 1920s, and painted with the big names like Picasso. Matisse, Bonnard and others. Some of them were very well known in the art community — people like Kisling and Menkes — and some not so well known, But they were the most important painters of 19th- and 20th-century Po-

One of his most memorable purchases, Fibak said, was a 1917 self-portrait of Jacek Makzewski, for which he paid \$75,000 - a record in Poland - at an auction two years

Although Fibak likes to refer to his collection as "the Polish school of Paris," he has a number of contemporary paintings, too, not only by Poles but also by European and American painters.

"I still have paintings in New York and Greenwich that represent the New York school of the 1980s," he said. "Some are living, but some are not -like Andy Warhol and Jean Michel Basquiat, who died at the age of 28. He was very well known — like Yannick Noah in tennis, the only black guy, and with a French background." Fibak's art exhibition, titled "Polish Painting in the

Ewa and Wojtek Fibak Collection," will continue in Warsaw until Aug. 9, then move to Poznan from Aug. 22 to Oct. 25. It is the result of two years of preparation. By coincidence, the show opened on the weekend before Roland Garros.

"Like they would say here," Fibak boasted, "Tout Paris showed up. Well, all of Warsaw showed up. A lew thousand people just for the first night, when it was not even open to the public. On Saturday and Sunday there were a lew thousand people each day. I went in the different rooms and talked about the different painters, their history, and so on."

The genesis of Fibak's passion for art is less difficult to

explain than the origin of his wealth. Although tennis money was respectable in the 1970s and '80s, it generally did not create multimillionaires of performers in Fibak': class. Yet, Fibak, fluent in six languages and "always investing," somehow built a fortune. "I'm the biggest publisher in Poland," he said, naming seven publications that he owns, including what he said was the largest local paper in Poland, the Gazeta Poz-nanska. "And last year I bought from the government the

largest printing plant in Poland. It's in Katowice, I employ 650 people just in that plant." Fibak supported Solidarity during the martial law years and refused to play Davis Cup matches in Poland at the time. As a result, he is close to the current government and

has accepted the honorary post of consul-general for Poland in Monte Carlo. "They wanted to offer me something," he said. "Since I could not be an ambassador or anything like that, because of my responsibilities, the idea came up that I should be honorary consul-general. President Walesa said, 'Mona-

co's a nice place. I'll come and visit you there."

Although Fibak plays nowadays in occasional seniors tournaments, he has less and less time for tennis. But then, tennis never really was his principal occupation.
"You can still do other things," he said. "There's no excuse for not reading newspapers, not going to other

towns, not visiting muscums or learning languages. I always concentrated on tennis, but I never devoted my life to tennis. I always wanted to do other things. That's why when I stopped, I never looked back."
"If I were just in tennis," Floak said, "maybe there would be moments when I'd feel 'Oh, I should have won

more matches,' or something like that."

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Once again, David and Michi Colfax will see a son graduate mag-na cum laude from Harvard. Reed 22 the third of their four children will receive a degree with high honors, lollowing in the path of his brothers, Grant, 27, class of 87, and Drew, 24, class of '90. That may not be so special, except that none of the Colfax children ever went to school before going to Harvard. They were educated at home in Boonville, California, by their parents. Is the youngest son, Garth, 16. also Harvard bound? "Right now he is more interested in getting a driver's license," Mrs. Collar. said. 

Bill Cosby, whose most recent movies, "Leonard Part VI" in 1987 and "Ghost Dad" in 1990, bombed, has signed a deal to produce and star in films for Paramount Pictures. Tan tenne were not revealed. Chalif star of television's recently ended "The Cosby Show," is now producing a new version of the talk show "You Bet Your Life," due this fall.

Conservative residents of Monaco reacted with horror and embarrassment to unmarried Princess Sténhanie's acknowledgement that she is pregnant by a former bodyguard, Daniel Ducrnet, with whom she has been living for the last year. In an interview with Paris Match, Stephanie, 27, ruled out marriage in the immediate future. Said the manager of a dry-cleaning shop: "We don't like it. It's bad for the family has refused comment. In the interview, the couple said they would marry eventually. "But not under a specter of obligation," Du-cruet said. He also confirmed that he has a 4-month-old son by a former girlfriend.

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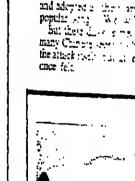
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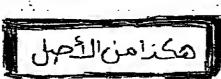
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